



Reference: Phil. 3:17-4:1

March 6-13

INTRODUCTION

Paul is going to teach us this week about how we can go beyond happy to experience joy by remembering that this world is not our home. We will find three encouragements to be able to do this.

ICE BREAKER

What is the first thing you do when you get home?

QUESTIONS

- 1) The first encouragement that Paul gives us to move beyond happy and experience joy is to learn from others. Read Phil. 3:17-19, what does Paul command the Philippians to do in v.17? At first glance does this seem strange? Read 1 Cor. 11:1, how does this verse help us to understand what Paul meant?
- 2.) Since we need to learn from others, it's important for us to have mentors. How should we choose who we ask to fulfill that role in our lives?
- 3.) In the last few weeks we have talked often about the importance of mentorship, who should you ask to speak into your life so that you by learning from them you can move beyond happy to experience joy.
- 4.) Pastor John also reminded us that we need to be a good citizen. Read Ch.3:20-21, where does Paul tell the Philippian church that their citizenship lie? What do you think is meant and not meant by this statement?
- 5.) Pastor asked a convicting question on Sunday that we are going to explore here: "Why do you think that most Christians seem to be just as materialistic as people who don't know Jesus?"
- 6.) Pastor stated that the way that we guard against getting too comfortable here is by approaching things with heavenly eyes. How might heavenly eyes change how we handle our savings, days of rest and vacations?
- 7.) Lastly Pastor encouraged us to keep the main thing, the main thing. Read Phil. 4:1, What does Paul beg the Philippian church to do?
- 8.) Has the focus of your life drifted from standing fast in Christ and living on mission for Him? What are things that can distract or pull your focus away from the main thing?

For Further Reading: 1 Cor 2:2; Isaiah 5:20; Matt. 6:19-21; 2 Cor. 4:18; 1 Cor. 15:58