



Christ Redeemer Church  
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# **Philippians Study Guide**

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## INTRODUCTION

*Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*

~Philippians 2:1-2 NASB

This fall we will be working our way through St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. This letter combines two things that we find difficult to reconcile, suffering and joy. Indeed, intense suffering and intense joy! This alone should be enough to pique our curiosity and make us want to investigate more.

### **How to Use the Study Guide**

A word about how to use this study guide: The date at the top of each page notes the Sunday for the respective the week. The Scripture verse listed under each heading is a suggested memory verse for that week. Below that you will find a passage of Scripture, followed by "*Reflection Questions*". These readings will prepare you to hear the sermon for that upcoming week. Generally, there are readings for every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. However, from September 10<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, we are challenging everyone in the congregation to a daily (Monday through Saturday) time of "devotion and prayer". We are dubbing this our "21 Days of Prayer". The point of this is to work together on our daily discipline of pursuing God in Scripture and prayer.

To be clear, this is not intended to be a "legalistic" requirement. Not at all! Rather, it is a way for us as a congregation to walk together as we explore God's Word. And to what end? Our prayer and confident expectation is that as we grow in our understanding and practice of daily prayer and meditation, we will grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ and so grow in our love for Him and one another.

### **Simplicity of this Study Guide**

This study guide is intended to be simple and basic. Each day's "lesson" should require no more than 15 minutes. At times this may annoy some, leaving you feeling that it is too pedantic. However, there are at least two reasons why this approach is necessary. First, we want everyone (whether novice or longstanding Christian) to be able to access this material. Anyone who wants to get more out of it certainly can by simply digging deeper. The second reason is that my goal is to get you pondering and praying through the book of Philippians. Simple prayer and meditation are basic; and the basics are always basic. It is so often in the fundamentals that we fail.

By all of us walking through this together, we can grow together. The experience of our corporate study of Philippians will enhance your personal

study. Likewise, the reverse is true. Your personal study of Philippians will enhance our corporate engagement around this book. The weekly discipline that this study guide represents will be a tangible way that we can grow in allowing the “word of Christ [to] dwell among us richly” (Colossians 3:16).

### **A Word about Walking With Christ**

Walking with Christ is a work that God is doing in you. This does not mean that we are not also required to do the work of walking with Him. Indeed we are! Paul repeatedly writes that we are to strive for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27); we are to strive and sacrifice to know Christ (Philippians 3)! We do and must strive! Nonetheless, our confidence is that it is not dependent upon the perfection of our striving, but on the perfection of our Savior. Our striving does not secure his saving power. Actually, it is the exact opposite. His saving power secures our striving. He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion (Philippians 1:6). This is HIS promise!!! In light of this promise, we seek to do all that we can to work out the salvation he has accomplished for us, because we know that he is at work in us, working that which is pleasing to him (Philippians 2:12-13).

The way God completes His work is the same way He began it—by His Word. It is for this reason we are encouraging everyone at CRC to be in the Word of God personally. That is the point of this guide.

For the joy of Christ!

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## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

~Philippians 1:6 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:1-11

*Reflection Questions:*

- What is Paul passionate about?
- Why is do you think he passionate about these things?

*Prayer:*

- What are some obstacles in your life (e.g. attitudes, circumstances, etc.) to sharing the same passion that Paul exhibits?
- Spend some time praying that God would work in your heart and in your circumstances to increase your passion for the kingdom of God.

### TUESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:1-11

*Reflection Questions:*

- What specifically does Paul pray for the believers in Philippi? Make a list. Write a brief note about what each of these things mean.
- Why is he passionate about these things?

*Prayer:*

- Make a list of the people that you care for spiritually.
- Spend some time praying for them the things that Paul prayed for the Philippians believers.
- Likewise, pray that the unity, love and service among us as a church would show forth the beauty of God's love and holiness to our community.

### **WEDNESDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:1-11

*Reflection Questions:*

- What do you think Paul means by "the affection of Christ Jesus"?
- Do you feel Christ's affection for you? How so or how not?
- How do you think we are able to experience this affection of Christ?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would make his affection toward you more known. Pray too that you would know with increasing certainty for yourself the confidence that Paul knows towards the Philippians (see 1:6).
- Pray these same things for the people that God has put in your life to care for spiritually.

## **THURSDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:12-26

*Reflection Questions:*

- How does Paul mentally process the trouble that he is facing for the sake of the Gospel?
- What do you think is the secret to processing such challenging circumstances so positively?

*Prayer:*

- In what ways do you struggle processing challenging circumstances?
- Spend some time praying for the right perspective for processing your circumstances. Use the words of Philippians as fodder for your prayer for yourself.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:12-26

*Reflection Questions:*

- What do you think Paul means by “to live is Christ and to die is gain”?
- What would this mean for you? Can you think of ways that you have seen this in others or experienced it yourself?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would give you insight into the meaning of “to live is Christ and to die is gain” for your own life and circumstances.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:1-26

*Reflection Questions:*

- Who does Paul mean in v. 1 “all the saints”? How does the way he uses the word “saint” differ from common contemporary usage?
- Who is he referencing when he speaks of the “overseers and deacons”?

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they are leading us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God and that we all would live lives eager to hear and obey.



## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

~Philippians 1:21 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:12-30

#### *Reflection Questions:*

- What do you think Paul means by one's "manner of life" being "worthy of the gospel"?
- What would it look like for your life to be "worthy of the gospel"?
- Does thinking about your life being worthy of the gospel make you feel uncomfortable? Why or why not?
- How does the *grace* of the gospel (over against the law) allow us to strive for lives worthy of the gospel?

#### *Prayer:*

- Pray that God would help us to understand what it means to live lives worthy of the Gospel under the grace of the gospel.
- Spend some time praying that God would work in your heart and in your circumstances to increase your passion for the kingdom of God.

## **TUESDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:27-30

*Reflection Questions:*

- What does it mean to stand firm in one spirit?
- What does Paul mean by “with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel”? How does this phrase connect with the “standing firm” command?

*Prayer:*

- Make a short list of ways that you might need to grow in standing firm or striving with one mind side by side with other believers.
- Spend some time praying for your growth in these things.

## **WEDNESDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:27-30

*Reflection Questions:*

- Why do you think Paul reminds us not to be “frightened in anything”? How is fear a help? How is it also a hindrance?

- In verse 29 Paul seems to suggest that suffering for Christ's sake is a gift (i.e. "it has been granted to you"). This may seem a strange way of thinking. How could suffering be considered a gift?

*Prayer:*

- Make a list of things that are the cause of anxiety in your life. Spend some time asking God to give you his perspective on these things.

- Pray for God's perspective on suffering.

**THURSDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:27-2:4

*Reflection Questions:*

- Paul offers his own example of suffering as encouragement. How might others' example of suffering be a help to you? Who do you know that is exemplary in their suffering for the cause of Christ?
- What do you think is the secret to processing such challenging circumstances so positively?

*Prayer:*

- Make a short list of those that you know are suffering for the sake of Christ.
- Spend some time praying for them.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:27-2:4

*Reflection Questions:*

- What role does humility play in being able to strive for the unity of the gospel?
- Why do you think that humility is so difficult?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work in you humility that leads to service and unity with fellow followers of Christ.
- Pray that unity, love and service among us as a church would show forth the beauty of God's love and holiness to our community.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:1-4

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church. Pray that the joy of Christ would be evident among us.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God and the ministry of gospel in all the other venues (e.g. Sunday school, children's ministry, etc.).

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

~Philippians 2:3-4 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:1-4

*Reflection Questions:*

- Why does Paul use all that seemingly flowery language in Philippians 2:1?
- Make a list of each of the qualities in v. 1 with a short note on what each might mean.

*Prayer:*

- Spend some time praising God for the provision of each of the items listed in v. 1.

### TUESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:1-4

*Reflection Questions:*

- How might the joy and unity that Paul prays for be grounded in the items listed in Philippians 2:1?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would help you to grow in your experience of the things listed in Philippians 2:1.

- Identify one application from yesterday's sermon. Pray that God would grow you in this according to his promise in Philippians 1:6.

## **WEDNESDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:1-11

*Reflection Questions:*

- What are our two basic problems according to Paul in v. 3? Write a short definition or description of each.
- How do you see these forces at work in your own life? Try to think of specific instances.

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would give you the strength to fight against these things.

## **THURSDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:3-26

*Reflection Questions:*

- Try to summarize in one sentence the point of the section you read for today.
- Now, try to summarize it in one word.

*Prayer:*

- Make a short list of those that you know are suffering for the sake of Christ.

- Spend some time praying for them.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 1:27-2:18

*Reflection Questions:*

- Try to summarize in one sentence the point of the section you read for today.
- Now, try to summarize it in one word.

*Prayer:*

- Philippians 2:4 tells us to look to the interests of others more than your own. Make a list of the needs of someone else in the church and pray for them.
- Bonus: Send the person you prayed for a note of encouragement telling them you prayed for them today.
- Double Bonus: Make a plan for helping with the need of the other person you prayed for.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:1-4

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church. Pray that the attitude of Christ (v. 5) would be evident in you and among us all.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God that we would be hungry to hear, trust and obey.

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

~Philippians 2:12-14 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:1-11

*Reflection Questions:*

- How do verses 1-4 connect to verses 5-11? Try to explain in writing the logical flow between these two sections within this passage.
- What are some of the main aspects of God's character that were highlighted in (or underlying) the sermon yesterday?

*Prayer:*

- Spend some time praising God for the aspects of his character listed above.
- Think of one application from yesterday's sermon and pray that God would work that in you.
- Bonus: Contact someone in your community group and ask them to share their application from the sermon, so that you can pray for them.

### TUESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:1-18

*Reflection Questions:*

- Considering vv. 5-11, what do we learn about who Jesus is?



- Considering vv. 5-11, what do we learn about the specifics of what Jesus did for us?

*Prayer:*

- Spend some time praising God for who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Consider the specifics aspects you noted above.

## **WEDNESDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:5-18

*Reflection Questions:*

- Why do you think it is so hard for us to humble ourselves and serve? Consider particularly the motivations of our heart. In doing this exercise it might be helpful to consider the last time you were frustrated about having to serve with something.
- What do we learn from Jesus's example that might be of encouragement or inspiration for us to press on?

*Prayer:*

- Think of a specific area in which you know God wants you to be more of a servant. Pray through vv. 5-11 asking God to work in you the mind of Jesus.

## **THURSDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:5-18

*Reflection Questions:*

- What is the connection between lack of humility and "grumbling" and "disputing" (v. 14)?

- Why do you think that our own grumbling tends to seem so innocent to us?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would challenge us in our tendency to grumble and complain.
- Pray that God would humble us, make us thankful and fill us with the joy of the gospel.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:12-18

*Reflection Questions:*

- Considering some of the emphases that we have already seen in the letter, what might you guess Paul means by his command to “work out your salvation”?
- How might this differ from the idea of “working **for** your salvation”?
- Considering the context what do you think specifically Paul wants us to work out?

*Prayer:* Philippians 2:12-18

- Pray for understanding of what it means to “work out our salvation”.
- Pray for joyful perseverance in your own life and in the life of those in your community group.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:5-18

*Reflection Questions:*

- Why do you think it is so hard for us to humble ourselves and serve?  
Consider in particular the motivations of your heart. In doing this exercise it might be helpful to consider the last time you were frustrated about having to serve or were inconvenienced by someone in the church.
- What do we learn from Jesus's example that might be of encouragement or inspiration for us to press on?

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church tomorrow. Pray that the attitude of Christ (v. 5) would be evident in you and among us all.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God that its authority and power would humble us.

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life...*  
~Philippians 2:14-16 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:12-18

*Reflection Questions:*

- In your own words summarize yesterday's sermon in a few sentences.
- What was one main application that you took away?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work that point of application in you.
- Bonus: Contact someone in your community group and ask them to share their application from the sermon, so that you can pray for them.

### WEDNESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:19-30 & Hebrews 13:17

*Reflection Questions:*

- Whom do you admire as a Christian? What do you admire about them?

- Make a list of the characteristics of the Christian leaders/workers that Paul cites in this passage? Try to list at least 10 characteristics.

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would develop these characteristics in you.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:12-30

*Reflection Questions:*

- What seems to be the controlling passion (the driving motivation) of the examples that Paul cites in vv. 19-30?
- Paul calls Epaphroditus a “fellow soldier”. Why is this a helpful label for a Christian worker? What are the corresponding qualities between a soldier and a Christian worker?

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the leaders in our church and in your community group. Thank God for them and pray for God to grow them in godly, sacrificial character.
- Pray that God would raise up more workers (Matthew 9:37-38) for His gospel work, even at CRC.

- How might God be calling you to take another step toward sacrificial service for Christ in the church or in the community? Take a moment to pray about this.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:19-30

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church tomorrow. Pray that a spirit of thankfulness and humility would pervade all that we do.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God that it would produce in us the fruit of repentance.

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*  
~Philippians 3:7-8 NASB

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 2:19-30

*Reflection Questions:*

- In your own words summarize yesterday's sermon in a few sentences.
- What was one main application that you took away?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work that in you.
- Bonus: Contact someone in your community group and share what you have been learning through our study of the book of Philippians.

### WEDNESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:1-11 & Romans 3:19-28

*Reflection Questions:*

- Summarize in your own words what Paul is teaching in vv. 4-9.
- What does Paul mean by "confidence in the flesh"? Can you think of examples of this in your own life?

- Why is a “righteousness of my own” insufficient before God?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would teach you about the “righteousness that comes from God” and your need for it.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:1-11 & Galatians 2:11-21

*Reflection Questions:*

- What is righteousness?
- What is the difference between a righteousness that comes from the law and a righteousness that comes from God by faith?
- Paul seems to suggest that true religion is not seeking a righteousness of your own. How might this way of thinking liberate you to have a different motivation for following Christ?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would cause you to understand and experience his grace in Christ.



## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:7-8

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church tomorrow. Pray that we all would seek to experience “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus”.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God that Christ would be central and his beauty on display.

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

~Philippians 3:14 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:1-21

*Reflection Questions:*

- In your own words summarize yesterday's sermon in a few sentences.
- What were one or two main applications that you took away?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work this application in you.
- Bonus: Write out a short prayer for a friend and send it to them, telling them you are praying for them.

### WEDNESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:1-11

*Reflection Questions:*

- What do you think Paul means by "knowing Christ"?
- Consider the logic of Philippians 3:8-10. How does not having a righteousness of one's own foster a context where I can truly grow in a genuine relationship with Jesus?

- How does seeking a righteousness of my own keep me from genuine relationships with others? On the other hand, how does resting in a righteousness that is a gift from God turn me into a more open person toward others?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would cause you to grow in a true knowledge of Christ.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:8-11 & Romans 8:15-18

*Reflection Questions:*

- What do you think Paul means by sharing in Christ's suffering (v. 10)?
- Why might sharing in Christ's suffering lead you to a deeper experiential knowledge of Christ?
- Paul seems to suggest that true religion is not seeking a righteousness of your own. How might this way of thinking liberate you to gladly accept suffering in following Christ?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would cause you to understand and experience his grace in Christ and gladly accept suffering and sacrifice for him.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:7-8

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church tomorrow. Pray that we all would seek to know and “gain Christ” above all else.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God that God would strengthen us to know Christ and share in his suffering.

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

~Philippians 3:20-21 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:1-21

*Reflection Questions:*

- In your own words summarize yesterday's sermon in a few sentences.
- What were one or two main applications that you took away?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work this application in you.

### WEDNESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:12-21 & 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

*Reflection Questions:*

- What does Paul mean by "perfect"?
- What is Paul's motivation for pressing on (v. 12)? How might this motivation differ from a "works-based" motivation?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would cause you to grow in a true knowledge of Christ.

- Pray that God would give you a grace-based motivation for following Christ.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:8-11

*Reflection Questions:*

- According to Paul what makes someone an “enemy of the cross of Christ”?
- Make a list of ways that you might be tempted in this direction.
- How does the fact that our salvation is completely free (based totally on the grace of God in Christ) transform our basic motivation from a self-centered motivation to a motivation that drives us to sacrifice everything for Christ?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would bring to mind ways in which you would be tempted to become “an enemy of the cross of Christ”. Pray that God would increase your view of the beauty of Christ, so that you would run from selfish desire to passionate a desire for Christ.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:20-21

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church tomorrow. Pray that we all would seek to experience our citizenship in heaven.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God and the ministry of gospel in all the other venues (e.g. Sunday school, children’s ministry, etc.).

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand*  
~Philippians 4:4-5 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 3:12-21

*Reflection Questions:*

- In your own words summarize yesterday's sermon in a few sentences.
- What were one or two main applications that you took away?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work this application in you.
- Bonus: Ask someone in your community group what you can be praying for them today? Text, call or email them right now.

### WEDNESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:1-9

*Reflection Questions:*

- What do you think it means to "help...laboring side by side" with the others in the gospel?

- Brainstorm a list of ways that one can help with the ministry of the gospel at and through CRC. Come up with a list of at least a dozen ways.

- What could you do today to be an encouragement to the ministry of the gospel in our community? Make a plan to do it.

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would help us to work together in the gospel in a unified way.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:4-9

*Reflection Questions:*

- Paul seems to suggest that rejoicing, like prayer, is a kind of discipline—you need to do it even when you do not immediately “feel it”. Why do you think Paul can choose to rejoice even when the circumstances or feelings do not seem to warrant rejoicing?
- Can you think of any connections between the ideas in vv. 6-7 and vv. 8-9?



*Prayer:*

- Make a list of those things that are weighing you down with anxiety today.
- Pray for each of these items, considering what you can thank God for in the midst of them.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:2-9

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church tomorrow. Pray that we all would experience the beauty of Christ, especially the beauty of his love on display in our fellowship with one another.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the preaching of the word of God and the ministry of gospel in all the other venues (e.g. Sunday school, children's ministry, etc.).

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

~Philippians 4:12-13 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:1-9

*Reflection Questions:*

- In your own words summarize yesterday's sermon in a few sentences.
- What were one or two main applications that you took away?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work this application in you.
- Pray that we as a church would increasingly model the loveliness of Christ in all of our interactions both inside and outside the church.

### WEDNESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:10-20

*Reflection Questions:*

- Write a definition of contentment.

- Make a list of areas where you struggle with contentment.
- Why do you struggle with contentment? What do you think is underneath this struggle?
- Bonus: Ask a friend to help you consider how and why you struggle with contentment.

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work contentment in you.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:10-20

*Reflection Questions:*

- What does Paul seem to suggest is the secret of contentment?
- Why is Paul so thankful to the Philippian Church? What had they done for Paul?
- What lessons can we learn from this for our “partnership” in the gospel? List at least three lessons from the example of the Philippians and Paul.

*Prayer:*

- Consider what keeps you from being a generous person. Pray that God would make you into a generous person.
- Make a list of the ways that God has been generous to you. List at least dozen ways. Spend some time praise God for his generosity.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:10-20

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church tomorrow. Pray that the generosity of God would be on display in our fellowship.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they lead us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the ministry of gospel in and through CRC. Pray for the provision of God for this ministry—that God would supply our every need “according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2018

### Memory Verse:

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

~Philippians 4:19-20 ESV

### MONDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:10-20

*Reflection Questions:*

- In your own words summarize the sermon from November 19<sup>th</sup> in a few sentences.
- What were one or two main applications that you took away?

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work this application in you.
- Pray that we as a church would increasingly experience the grace of God among us.

### WEDNESDAY:

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:10-23

*Reflection Questions:*

- In a few sentences summarize the message of the book of Philippians.
- Summarize the message of Philippians in one word.

*Prayer:*

- Pray that God would work the message of Philippians into your own experience and into the experience of our church.

## **FRIDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:21-23

*Reflection Questions:*

- What's the significance of Paul citing "Caesar's household" (v. 22).
- How would you define "grace"?
- Why does grace produce relational connection with others?
- Why does grace produce joy in us?

*Prayer:*

- How do you struggle to understand grace? Pray that God would help you to understand and experience his grace in your own life.

## **SATURDAY:**

*Scripture Reading:* Philippians 4:14-23

*Prayer:*

- Pray for the gathering of the church tomorrow. Pray that we as a church would experience the grace of God and the true fellowship that flows from that grace.
- Pray for the leadership of the church as they are leading us in worship.
- Pray particularly for the ministry of gospel in and through CRC Pray for the provision of God for that ministry—that God would supply our every need “according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”



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