



PHILIPPIANS

Living a Life Worthy of the Gospel

OAK POINTE
KIDS

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INTRODUCTION

Intro to Philippians

Philippians is Paul's warmest letter, which is surprising because there is unrest in his world. Things have not gone according to plan. He has been imprisoned, and yet throughout the letter a strange happiness emanates from the page producing what Tim Mackie calls, "the gospel in poetry."

In fact that's exactly what we find in Chapter 2: a poem about Jesus as the Messiah. It's the centerpiece of the letter. Everything feeds into and flows from this poetic retelling of the Story of Redemption including a subtle nod to Adam's rebellion to an obvious allusion to Isaiah's suffering servant.

Paul pulls the words and ideas from this "Christ poem" into each section in order to help us see *how* our own story should become a walking, moving, breathing expression of Jesus' story, of the gospel.

As "citizens of heaven," then, we will be both more realistic about the shortcomings of our society *and* more hope-filled about the answers the gospel provides. Living a life worthy of the gospel means that our approach to suffering, to unrest, and even to politics will always provide a slightly different answer to what troubles our society most.

Should this surprise us? Paul thinks not, and instead encourages us to see every aspect of our lives as places where God is completing His "gospel work" in us. Philippians shows us that the gospel is not simply what saves us, but also what continues to transform us as we seek to live the gospel out into our everyday lives.

EVERYONE **in God's Word** **EVERY DAY**

You will start hearing that phrase a lot around Oak Pointe Milford, and here's why: This season has been one of difficulty and change for us all. As a church we are looking at this as an opportunity to reset, to simplify and focus on our main purpose as a church: knowing Jesus and making Him known. But in order to make Jesus known, we have to truly know Jesus: what he's like and how he desires for us to live.

And, the absolute best way to know Jesus is by being fully present with Him everyday as you read His Word. There are so many benefits of developing this practice in your life, but one that our elders identified in particular is the deep stability it produces. Take a look at some ways to do this on your own and with others, and let's make this a season where God's Word takes center stage in our lives.

COMMA QUESTIONS

Reading God's Word every day is for EVERYONE. Kids ask a lot of questions. They also give some of the most profound answers. Here are some questions to help you get their curiosity and imaginations going as you read Philippians together this Summer.



Included are some of the questions that are in your pastors' heads as we read the Letters, like Philippians, that the Apostles wrote to the early church.

Each category is important, but you don't have to answer every question every time you read.

Context, Observation, and Meaning help us understand what is being said.

Meditating and Applying help us to live out what we have read.

COMMA. A comma separates ideas and acts as a breathing mark. Use these questions to simplify, breathe, and spend time in God's Word.

The questions you'll find each day...

CONTEXT

- What clues can you find about the author and his circumstances?
- What does this passage say?
- What do you see/hear/smell? Let their imaginations run a little. Then bring them back to the main point of the passage: "That's a really creative idea. Let's read what it says..."

OBSERVATION

- What change does the author seem to want us to make?
- Did anything surprise you?

MEANING

- What does this teach you about God or the gospel?
- How would you describe what this passage is about?

MEDITATE (use these themes as you pray together)

- Adoration: How can we love and worship God because of what we have read?
- Repentance: How do we fail in this?
What wrong behavior, harmful emotions or attitudes result when we forget this?
- Gospel Thanks: How can we thank Jesus for being the answer to this sin or need of ours?
- Application: See below...

APPLICATION

- How would we be different if this truth were powerfully real to us?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Video series through Philippians by Phil Visher on Right Now Media:

rightnowmedia.org/content/series/293649

The Bible Project:

bibleproject.com/explore/philippians

READING PLAN

It takes approximately 14 minutes to read all 4 Chapters of Philippians.

SUMMER RHYTHM:

Week 1: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 1:1-11

Week 2: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 1:12-26

Week 3: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 1:27-30

Week 4: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 2:1-11

Week 5: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 2:12-18

Week 6: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 2:19-20

Week 7: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 3:1-11

Week 8: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 3:12-21

Week 9: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 4:1-9

Week 10: Read: Whole Letter + Philippians 4:10-23

WEEKLY RHYTHM:

Day 1: Whole Letter

Day 2: This Week's Chapter

Day 3: This Week's Passage

Day 4: Passage Part 1

Day 5: Passage Part 2

Day 6: Grace Day.

Day 7: Meditate on this week's Passage

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, June 21 • Introduction

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 1 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1

WEEK 1 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

WEEK 1 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-5

WEEK 1 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:6-11

WEEK 1 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, June 28 • Philippians 1:1-11

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 2 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1

WEEK 2 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-26

WEEK 2 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

WEEK 2 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:18-26

WEEK 2 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 5 • Philippians 1:12-26

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 3 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1 + 2

WEEK 3 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-20

WEEK 3 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-28

WEEK 3 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 1:29-30

WEEK 3 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 12 • Philippians 1:27-30

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 4 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2

WEEK 4 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

WEEK 4 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

WEEK 4 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

WEEK 4 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 19 • Philippians 2:1-11

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 5 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2

WEEK 5 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

WEEK 5 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

WEEK 5 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:14-18

WEEK 5 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 26 • Philippians 2:12-18

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 6 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2+3

WEEK 6 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30

WEEK 6 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-24

WEEK 6 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:25-30

WEEK 6 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 2 • Philippians 2:19-30

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 7 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 3

WEEK 7 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-14

WEEK 7 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

WEEK 7 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

WEEK 7 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 9 • Philippians 3:1-14

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 8 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 3

WEEK 8 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 3:15-21

WEEK 8 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 3:15-16

WEEK 8 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-21

WEEK 8 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 16 • Philippians 3:15-21

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 9 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 4

WEEK 9 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

WEEK 9 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-3

WEEK 9 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

WEEK 9 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 23 • Philippians 4:1-9

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

WEEK 10 • DAY 1

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 4

WEEK 10 • DAY 2

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23

WEEK 10 • DAY 3

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

WEEK 10 • DAY 4

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

PHILIPPIANS 4:14-23

WEEK 10 • DAY 5

CONTEXT

OBSERVATION

MEANING

MEDITATE

APPLICATION

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 30 • Philippians 4:10-23

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