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HAWAIIAN DINNER

July 20th, Following morning worship

MEN'S SEEKERS OF TRUTH

Bible Study

July 26, 9 a.m. chapter 6

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Wednesday August 13, 5:30 p.m.

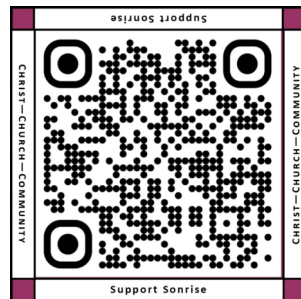
LADIES WOMEN IN THE WORD

Bible Study August 16, 10, a.m. Chapter 8

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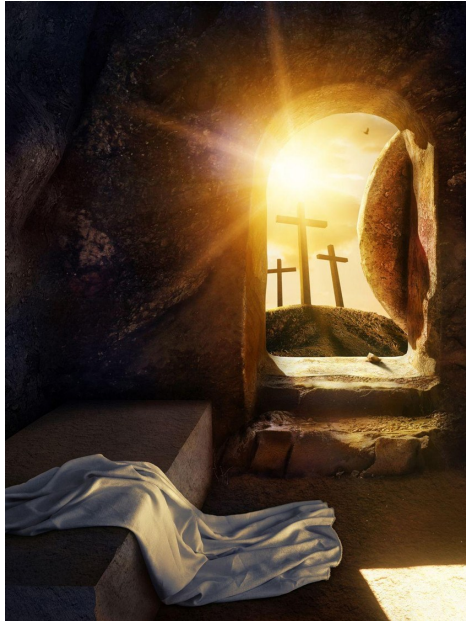
Freedom Explained **Philippians 3.10-17**

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, * but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.



Focused on the **PERSON**

- ♦ I want to know _____ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!
Philippians 3.10-11
- ♦ This is about a relationship filled with interactive experiences that change you.
 1. A _____ **experience:** that I may know Him.
 2. A _____ **experience:** the power of His resurrection.
 3. A _____ **experience:** the fellowship of His suffering.
 4. A _____ **experience:** being conformable unto His death.



MONDAY—Read Romans 4:24 & 25, 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 Ephesians 1:19, Galatians 2:20 How do these verses help us understand the focus of our Christian experience?

TUESDAY—Read Matthew 16:24, 2 Timothy 2:11, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 2:21-24 How does our suffering and trials help us focus on Jesus? Why are they necessary in this life?

WEDNESDAY—Read Ephesians 4.15, 2 Peter 1:3-11 Paul always saw room to grow in his relationship with Christ. How do these verses help us develop a plan for growth and maturity? What promises are we given here? How should the believer approach daily life knowing growth is possible?

THURSDAY—Read Colossians 3:1, Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 9:24, 2 Timothy 4:7-8 What was Paul's ultimate goal in life? How did it influence his daily decisions? How should this help us in our daily life decisions?

FRIDAY—Read Philippians 2.13, 1 Corinthians 6.19-20 How should our understanding of God focus our attitude? What was the key to Paul's success as a believer?

BONUS - Read Philippians 4.10-14 Philippians 4.13 is often quoted as a powerful catch-all verse. What is it really saying when studied in context? What is the key to making it work in your life?



Focused on the **PATTERN**

- ♦ Dear brothers and sisters, _____ your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our **example**.
Philippians 3.17
- ♦ **Pattern:** You are to look for those who inspire you to _____ Christ. Those who show you the **pattern of** _____. Those who best represent scriptural standards of followers of Christ.
- ♦ **Example:** You are called to set the pattern or be an **example for** _____ to follow. You may be the only believer some people will ever encounter.
- ♦ “And you yourself must be an _____ to them by **doing good works** of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.”
Titus 2.7

Five daily practices for a positive & profitable Christian experience.

Focused Faith Is

- ♦ Focused on the _____
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Focused on the **PERFECT**

- ♦ I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached _____. But I press on to possess that _____ for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. Philippians 3.12
- ♦ _____ makes permanent, so _____ perfectly.
- ♦ People struggle with the idea of _____, but if you see it as a journey of small steps and careful decisions, it can be part of your Christian experience.
- ♦ _____ **RIGHTEOUSNESS!**
1 John 5.18, Luke 11.28



Focused on the **PRIZE**

- ◆ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I _____ on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly _____ for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Philippians 3.13-14
- ◆ Forgetting the past: You no longer live as you did before. That is your **OLD** _____ .
- ◆ Looking forward: Life is filled with the promises of God and eternal possibilities.
- ◆ The past requires _____ , while the future requires _____ .
- ◆ Life is the _____ ; heaven is the _____ .



Focused on the **PROGRESS**

- ◆ Let all who are **spiritually mature** agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. But we must hold on to the _____ we have already made. Philippians 3.15-16
- ◆ Spiritual maturity is about understanding the _____ OF _____ and the interactions of the church as a body of believers.
- ◆ When we disagree, it should cause us to seek _____ in the matter and not divide or seek sides to see who can win the battle.
- ◆ We must never allow anything to destroy the _____ of faith in the lives of believers or cause anyone to stumble.