

Philippians – Small Group Study Week 12

Verses for the week: Philippians 3:17-21

17Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. **18**For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. **19**Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. **20**But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21**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.

Questions:

1. Why would Paul instruct the church of Philippi to imitate him and not Christ? Was this Paul's intent?
2. Verses 20-21 reaffirm that our ultimate prize is heaven. It is hard for most people to live for a seemingly unknown heaven instead of a very real today. How would you advise these people?

Quote of the week: If you cannot trust God for the temporal, how dare you trust him for the eternal? - Charles Spurgeon

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