

A Question to Answer: In what ways does Paul want us to imitate him? Citizenship was very important to the Philippians but citizenship in heaven is even more important so how does that effect how we respond in both reaching into the church body and reaching out to the community?

Saturday, 4/5/08 – Read *Philippians 4:2-9*

My Observations on worrying and prayer as well as what we should be thinking about or concentrating on:

A Question to Answer: Does it appear that Paul is a person who would accept the idea of positive thinking? What in these verses tells us that the source of peace is really God?

Sunday, 4/6/08 – Read *Philippians 4:10-23*

My Observations on how the Philippian church reached out to Paul and his ministry:

A Question to Answer: Does it seem that Paul almost does not care about their gifts? What does Paul think the real benefit of their gift is? Is it really true that it is more blessed to give than to receive? If so then we really should be an our reaching church.

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Reach UP!

Reach IN!

Reach OUT!

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Begin with PRAYER. READ through the Bible passage. WRITE your thoughts, reactions, observations. ANSWER THE QUESTION to begin connecting the Bible with your life experience. Use additional paper or your own notebook if you need more space to write.

This week you will be reading all the book of Philippians. It is divided into seven parts but remember that when the Philippians received the letter, they read the whole at one time. You might try that before you begin the Monday selection. It will only take 15 to 20 minutes. Remember as you read and meditate on these passages to look for signs of this church reaching up to God for strength, reaching into the church body for encouragement and then reaching out to the community in service.

Monday, 3/31/08 – Read Philippians 1:1-26

My Observations on reaching up to God for strength

A Question to Answer: What in these verses indicates that Paul and this church depended on God for resources?

Tuesday, 4/1/08 – Read Philippians 1:27-2:11

My Observations on reaching into the body for encouragement:

A Question to Answer: Is humility necessary to work together in a congregation? Does humility help a church to be unified? What are some of the practical things Paul urges upon the Philippians that would still be helpful to us in our congregational work? How is Christ an example to us of humility?

Wednesday, 4/2/08 – Read Philippians 2:12-30

My Observations on the interdependence of Paul and his works and the Philippian church:

A Question to Answer: What are Paul's words of encouragement about his fellow workers? How do you encourage your fellow workers at CUMC? Does encouragement help us do our work in the church more effectively?

Thursday, 4/3/08 – Read Philippians 3:1-16

My Observations on Paul's view of himself:

A Question to Answer: Paul's conversion was such an abrupt about-face that most of us cannot comprehend it, yet Paul calls all of his previous work "garbage" in comparison to having Christ. How important is Christ and His church to you? What would you be willing to give up for that cause? If Paul has not yet obtained the goal, should we rethink our goals?

Friday, 4/4/08 – Read Philippians 3:17-4:1

My Observations on Paul's view of his opponents:
