

Jailed and Joyful
August 2, 2026 Discussion Guide
This week's reading: Philippians 3:15-21

CHECK UP:

Memory work: So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me. – Philippians 2:29-30

In what way did you rejoice in the Lord this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a high and low of your past week?
- How have you been hearing God's voice for your life?
- What stood out from this week's reading? How do you already feel challenged to obey?

READ and ASK: Philippians 3:15-21

- What was Paul confident of for those who did not agree with him?
- Based on previous passages, what are some ways in which Paul wanted the Philippians to imitate him? (recall some passages from the previous three chapters)
 - o Why is proximity important when it comes to closely following/imitating Christian leaders?
- How do we battle against being like the people described in verses 18-19?
 - o What do people who have their minds set on earthly things look like today? How can that description sometimes even fit people within the church?
- What does it mean to eagerly wait for Jesus? Why should we eagerly wait for him?

APPLY:

- What does it look like to live as a citizen of heaven? What characterizes a citizen of heaven?
 - o How can living as a citizen of the Kingdom of heaven be challenging?
- How can you imitate Paul's life?
 - o NEXT STEPS: What description of Paul's life and ministry do you want to embrace in the coming week?

Memory Work:

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ –
Philippians 3:20

Next Week's Reading:

Philippians 4:1-9