

CHOOSE Joy

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Philippians 3:15-21

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MESSAGE NOTES

Only let us hold true to what we have attained. – Philippians 3:16 (ESV)

- **Hold on to Jesus**

...for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" – Hebrews 13:5-6 (ESV)

- **Hold on to spiritual hunger**

Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. – Philippians 3:15 (ESV)

- **Hold on to godly examples**

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. – Philippians 3:17 (ESV)

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. – Philippians 3:18 (ESV)

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. – Philippians 3:19 (ESV)

- **Hold on to the hope of Heaven**

But our citizenship is in heaven... – Philippians 3:20 (ESV)

"A little faith will bring your soul into Heaven; a great faith will bring Heaven into your soul." – Charles Spurgeon

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. – Philippians 3:20-21 (ESV)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: If you have ever attended an ALL TOGETHER ENCOUNTER worship service in the past, share what you most enjoyed about it.
- Read Philippians 3:15-21. What stood out to from the passage this week?
- Q: What type of things increase or decrease our spiritual hunger for God? How does being a part of Biblical community cultivate spiritual hunger in our lives?
- Read Philippians 1:6 and 3:15. What does spiritual maturity look like to you? How is God developing your faith and growth right now?
- Read Philippians 3:17-19. How does having strong, godly examples in our life strengthen our own relationships with God? Who is a godly example in your life and why?
- “Following” is a major theme of discipleship in the New Testament. Why was Paul able to say, “Follow me as I follow Christ” and why can we say it as well even though we are not the Apostle Paul?
- What types of qualities qualify someone as “an enemy of the cross” (vv. 18-19)?
- Read Philippians 3:20-21. What does it mean for life now that our “citizenship is in heaven”?
- Why does Jesus transforming our “lowly body” to be like His “glorious body” give us hope this side of Heaven?
- Ask God to increase and cultivate your hunger for more of Him. Share some praises and prayer requests before you pray.