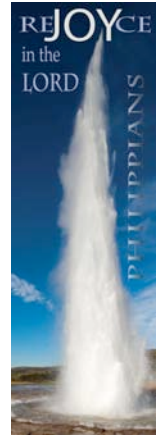


ReJOYce in the Lord
Life Group Questions – November 20, 2011
Pastor Steve – (Philippians 3:17-4:1)



Connect

1. What are you doing this week for Thanksgiving? Will you get up and go shopping Friday morning?

Study

1. What does citizenship mean to you?

2. Have you ever traveled in a foreign land? Where? What was it like to be an “alien” in a different place?

3. The Bible says we are “resident aliens” here on earth (read Colossians 3:1-2). What does that mean? Does it honestly affect the way you live?

4. Read Philippians 3:17-19. Paul offers two opposing examples of paths we can follow. What/who are they? List out the two opposing examples and their characteristics.

5. Do you find it arrogant that Paul offered himself as an example to follow? Who are people you have “drafted” behind in your spiritual life? How has that helped you? Are you following Christ in a way that others might follow you (i.e. your kids, friends, etc.)?

6. Paul suggests we can know someone’s faith is genuine by the way they live. How did the people described in vv. 18-19 live? Do you find this relevant to our situation today?

7. How are Christians to view themselves in this world? What would it look like practically to live as a citizen of heaven with the responsibility of bringing heaven to earth?

8. Are you embracing your earthly or heavenly citizenship more? How do we live out our heavenly citizenship more here on earth? (read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Matthew 22:36-40, Matthew 28:18-20, and Acts 1:8)

Pray

Consider taking time to pray aloud for the person to your left, saying something like this:
“LORD, please help _____ live out their heavenly citizenship here on earth.”