

Message Outline

Church Shopping

Philippians



Intro: “Church Shopping:” A look at the nine 1st century church epistles in NT...

- Last week, Dave Broski on Ephesians...
- The Bible Project on Philippians...

Background of Philippians

- Patriotic Roman Colony...
- Church planted in Acts 16
- Generous church in presents (gifts to Paul) and presence (Epaphroditus)
- Written possibly ~61 AD

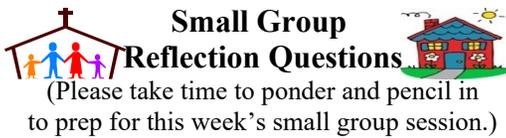
Read: Philippians 1

- A Book of great “one liners”...
 - 4:13: “I can do all things thru Christ.”
 - 3:13-14: “I press on toward the goal”
 - 4:8: thought-life in this Christ-life
 - 3:20-21: “citizenship in heaven”
 - 4:6-7: don’t be anxious...pray!
 - 3:8: knowing Christ...
 - 2:5-11: Jesus nature “emptying”...

Christianity and Adversity

- Most joyful letter written in prison?!!!
- Christians have been prepared for suffering (Jn.16:33, Mt.16:24, Acts 14:22)...

- 1) We have a S _____
 - Philippians 3:10-11, 1:29
 - We follow Jesus...and Jesus suffered!
- 2) We have a S _____
 - Philippians 2:8
 - The cross as the emblem of Christianity...
- 3) We have a S _____
 - Philippians 1:12-13, 18, cf. Romans 5:3-5
 - Suffering as producing something...
- 4) We have a S _____
 - Philippians 4:14, 2:25, cf. 1Sam.23:15-18
 - Helping in hardship...
- 5) We have the S _____



**God is at work in this world. Where did you “see/sense” Him this week?*

Read: John 5:1-16, Leviticus 23:33-44

**Through these readings, in what ways do you see Jewish heritage honored? In what ways are they challenged?*

**What’s the significance of having a religious tradition/heritage?*

Movie Review: Ep.4 “The Perfect Opportunity” (~55 min.)

**What do you think of the creative connection between Simon the Zealot and his brother as the cripple by the Pool of Bethesda?*

**In this episode we met our first Zealot. What do you think of Zealots in Jesus’ day?*

**In what ways are Zealots, Pharisees, and the disciples similar? How do they differ?*