

PHILIPPIANS

Deepening Relationships with God and Others

Philippians | Citizens of Heaven

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Reflect + Discuss

- What is an example of a favorite food or beverage that you sometimes crave?
- Read Philippians 3:15-21. Why is Paul warning the Philippians to not set their minds on earthly things? In what ways do we experience the tension of living on earth while our citizenship is in heaven? Do you feel as though you live with an awareness of the reality that you are a citizen of heaven?
- Read Philippians 3:19. What are some examples of things we are tempted to turn to because we think they will satisfy us? Can you think of a time in your life that you got something you always wanted, but it didn't satisfy you? If you're comfortable, share what happened.
- Read Philippians 3:20-21. What could it look like to live in a way that we 'eagerly' wait for Jesus? Have you ever experienced God transforming your cravings in some way? What are some of the things we begin to crave over time as we follow Jesus?
- Is there an appetite or craving in your life that you long to see transformed? What are some practical ways we can learn to control our appetites and remember that we are citizens of heaven?

Pray

- Pray that God will help us to set our mind not on earthly things, but on our citizenship, which is in heaven. Pray for God to strengthen us as we navigate the things we sometimes crave. Pray that we would discover ultimate satisfaction in Christ.

Next Steps

- Invest time in memorizing Paul's prayer, which is Philippians 1:9-11. Make a plan to memorize these verses on your own, or with your group.
- Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#) for the fall.