

Philippians | Who is your model? 11/19/2023

Reflect + Discuss

- When learning a new skill, do you prefer reading written instructions or watching a how-to video?
 Have you ever learned to do something by watching a video of someone else doing it? What did you watch and how did it help you?
- Read Philippians 4:1-9. How does Paul's relationship with the Philippians impact how we understand this passage?
- Read Philippians 3:17 and Philippians 4:9. Why do you think Paul was so focused on community? What are the benefits of following Jesus with others? What are the challenges of trying to do it alone?
- Who are the models in your life? Who do you emulate throughout the different areas of your life (professionally, relationally, spiritually, etc.)? Do you have people that you are seeking to emulate when it comes to your spiritual journey?
- How can we be more intentional in seeking out spiritual mentors? Is there someone in your life who you feel drawn to ask to be your mentor?

Pray

- Pray that God will help us to identify spiritual mentors in our own lives. Pray for God to give us wisdom to know who to emulate as we seek after Jesus. Praise God for the example we have in the life of Paul, as we long to put to practice the words of his letter.

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 <u>resources page</u> for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out <u>courses</u> for the fall.