



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series- The Mind of Spirit Prt 5

Bible Readings: Phil 2:1-11 & 4:4-12

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The Mind of the Spirit

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)

1. Have the Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:1-11) – Lara

2. The Lord is Near (Philippians 4:4-13)- Marcus

A. Text based Questions

1. Read Philippians 2:1-11. In verses 1-4 what is it that the Philippians are told that would make Paul's joy complete?
2. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What is the attitude or mindset that Paul is calling the Philippians too and how is it exemplified in Christ? Some have said that this letter is an attempt to deal with a specific conflict (Philippians 4:1-3), between Eudia Syntyche- how does the mind of Christ Paul reveals in chapter two speak into this?
3. Read Philippians 4:4-7. What is the pathway to peace spelled out in these verses?
4. Read Philippians 4:8-13. What does Paul call the Philippians to think about? What is the pathway to peace according to verse 9? What is the key to contentment that Paul has learnt? (Does he reveal it or does he just say there is one?)

B. Meditation & Application

5. What do you think Paul adds to the mind of the Spirit theme in these two passages in Philippians? What promises are attached to the concept of attaining to the mind of the Spirit in these two passages? What incentives toward a renewed mind do the passages give?
6. Think about a relational challenge in your life currently- what would it look like for you to apply Philippians 2 to this situation? Write down one or two anxieties that you currently are dealing with? How could you apply these verses to them? What brilliant things could you think about to replace anxiety and worry in the coming week?
7. What are some good, perfect, just, or excellent and praiseworthy things that could become central to your thinking in the coming week? How can you foster this kind of positive thinking- grounded in the gospel?

Prayer- Dear Heavenly Father- Thank you for the truth you reveal in Philippians about the mind and how it can be renewed. Help us to take captive every thought and in the power of the Spirit reign it in and align it with our new gospel identity. We pray and ask this in Jesus name. Amen.