



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

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Series- Christ Centered Community Prt 3

Shine like Stars

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

1. Consider others better than yourselves. (Phil 2:1-4)

2. Have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5-11)

3. Shine like stars. (Phil.2:12-18)

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Philippians 2:1-4. Summarise this section in your own words. What is Paul asking and who is his target audience?
2. Read Philippians 2:5-8. What is the mindset that Christ demonstrates? How does he do this?
3. Read Philippians 2:9-11. What did God do for Jesus as a result of his willing descent?
4. Read Philippians 2:12-18. What do you think it means to “work out ones salvation with fear and trembling?” What comfort is verse 13 in light of that command?

B. Meditation & application

5. Do you think it possible to “do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit?” What motives does Paul encourage in the Philippians as they serve? How can we foster a more selfless Christ centered attitude as we serve?
6. How does one go about cultivating the mindset of Christ in our own lives? What practices and disciplines might help us in this goal?
7. What things does Paul encourage in us as we seek to shine like stars in the universe?
8. Think about the ministries that you are involved in- how could continue to cultivate the mind of Christ in that area of service?

Dear heavenly Father- Help us to not be so bent on applause or gratitude of others in our lives. Instead help us to be like Christ, willing to descend into obscurity in God honoring, Christ exalting service. Help us to run from self promotion and be content to become more like Christ. In Jesus Name- Amen.