

Community Groups at Crossline
Winter 2017 – Week Seven
“MORE JOY” – THE PRISON EPISTLE OF PHILIPPIANS

OPEN IN PRAYER AND READ PHILLIPIANS 2:12-30 (one verse per person until passage is completed)

What is Paul’s hope (and command) in verse 12?

What do verses 12 -13 tell a believer about a true experience of following Christ?

In what specific ways is God working “in you” today in order to work “through you” to accomplish his purposes?

HAVE SOMEONE RE-READ 14-18 AND ANSWER THE FOLOWING QUESTIONS

How does constantly complaining and arguing as a Christ-follower not “work out” our salvation?

What is the bigger picture and purpose behind letting God resolve circumstances outside our control?

What does the “shine like stars” picture tell you about what God wants to do through believers right now in today’s culture? Answer the question & then have someone read Matthew 5:14-16.

What should be a believer’s response to suffering for their faith? How is the Body supposed to react? (vv17-18) Answer the question and have someone read Matthew 5:10-12.

HAVE SOMEONE RE-READ 19-30 AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

What does this passage tell us about what every pastor and church needs to stay healthy, grow, and achieve God’s vision?

What distinguishes Timothy as a leader in the early church? List some of his qualities.

What is being compared and contrasted in verse 21?

How do we make the transition from self-absorbed to being other centered?

What does verse 23 tell us about what smart pastors do with good leaders?

In what three ways does Paul describe his connection with Epaphroditus? (v25) What connection does each descriptor reflect? Answer the questions and then read 1Corinthians 12:21-25.

What kind of person is Epaphroditus?

Why does he inspire and motivate Paul in the midst of his circumstances?

CLOSE IN GROUP PRAYER