

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - "Relationship Matters - Week 2 - The Power of an Eternal Perspective" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Philippians 1:12-30, Philippians 4:1-13, 1 Corinthians 15:32, Galatians 3:28

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- 4 Keys to healthy relationships: 1) Humility 2) Honor 3) Encouragement 4) Prayer
- There is a 1-to-1 correlation between how we relate to people and how we relate to God
- Philippians is a letter of joy: Chapter 1 = Joy in living for Christ, Chapter 2 = Joy in serving Christ in unity, Chapter 3 = Joy in knowing Christ, Chapter 4 = Joy in resting in Christ
- Philippians 4:13 - Not a out supernatural abilities BUT about joy and happiness in any circumstance
- There is a connection between joy, happiness, contentment and your relationships
- Philippians 1:12
 - Paul: "What happened to me (being imprisoned) has helped to advance the gospel"
 - His suffering paved the way for the gospel
- Philippians 1:13 - Paul ministered to the guards
 - Many come to Christ
 - Beginning of the conversion of Rome to Christianity
- Philippians 1:21-24: To live is Christ, to die is gain... "Whatever happens, I win"
- Philippians 1:27 - Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel
 - You are daughters and sons of the king
 - You are royalty...it's time to start acting like it
 - A call to rise above division and fractures
 - Believing we all belong to one family (Galatians 3:28)
 - Your relationship and citizenship matters
- Philippians 1:29-30 - You are going to have seasons of suffering
 - Tragedy and joy present in this letter
 - We can only understand this when we have ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE
 - If we only focus on our life and trials, we will be full of anxiety
 - It's like viewing a dot instead of a line
 - 1 Corinthians 15:32
- If we are going to be a mosaic, we have to have an eternal perspective
- If we are going to advance the kingdom and the gospel we have to have an eternal perspective

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you noticed your relationship with God affect your relationships with others and vice versa?
2. How has God used your suffering to pave the way for or to advance the gospel?
3. What does it mean for you to think and to act like a son or daughter of the king?
4. How have you learned to navigate and experience tragedy and joy at the same time?
5. What does it look and sound like for you personally to have an eternal perspective?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Acts 11 Tues: Acts 12 Wed: Acts 13 Thurs: Acts 14 Fri: Acts 15

Songs from the weekend: [Jesus the Same - Israel Houghton] - [Raise a Hallelujah - Bethel Music] - [Everlasting God - William Murphy] - [Waymaker - Sinach]