



Joy of Citizenship

Main Scripture: Phil 3:12-21

Additional Scriptures: Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:16-18; 11:24-28

Discussion Questions

Paul longed for heaven. It was his homeland. He had focused his heart so completely on the Lord that his work on the earth was a reflection of this reality.

Heaven is not my destination, it is my culture

- When you think of heaven, what comes to mind?
- What passages of scriptures reveal truths about heaven?
- What do you think we will do when we live in heaven?
- How are you living your life in light of your eternal destination?

Honest about our past, but not defined by our past

- What are some of the lessons you have learned from your past wins? What about past mistakes? How has this shaped your perspective?
- How do you apply, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus?"

Culture of burning, but not a burning out

- How do you avoid burning out? What helps you stay the course?
- What do you observe about Paul's life that kept him from spiritual burn out?
- How do you learn to be a citizen of heaven? Why is this important and what does this really mean?

You don't get to choose the affects of what others do, but you do get to choose whom you are imitating

- Who do you look up to? Why? What characteristics do you agree with that you want to imitate?
- Who are you influencing currently around you? What do you want them to learn?