



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of November 27, 2023

1. Have you ever visited another country? Where did you go and what challenges or adventures did you face in the journey? Did you speak the language? How did you adapt to the culture? What are the citizens of that country known for?
2. Have two people in your group read Philippians 3:17-21 in two different Bible translations. What would you say is the big idea of this section?
3. When Paul invites the church to follow his example in verse 17, the word he uses is where we get our English word “mimic”. What does it mean to mimic? Who is a mature Christian that you look to for a good example? What are some of the spiritual habits that you could emulate from that person?
Write some of them here:
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4. Paul warned the Philippian church about “enemies of the cross of Christ.” (verses 18-19) Take a look at the four point list Paul gave in verse 19. Compare and contrast the viewpoints and agenda of these secular people versus the Christian who serves Jesus faithfully:
 - a. *Their destiny is destruction* >>>>> _____
 - b. *Their god is their stomach* >>>>>> _____
 - c. *Their glory is in their shame* >>>> _____
 - d. *Their mind is on earthly things* >>> _____
5. Even in today’s world, there are outspoken opponents and angry enemies who are hostile to Christianity, Jesus, and the Bible. Can you name some of them in the present day? How are their viewpoints contrary to the Christian worldview?
6. What does it mean to be a citizen of heaven? What responsibilities, privileges, or behaviors should be associated with someone who calls heaven their true home?
7. There’s a day coming when Jesus is going to transform your earthly body to be just like His heavenly, glorified body. How can you transform your daily attitudes and actions to be more like His– right now? (read Colossians 3:1-10 before you answer)