

“Anticipating Joy”

Phil. 3:17-4:1

(Pastor Bryan Chapell 2-19-17)

Connect:

- 1) Who have you caught yourself imitating? What were you doing?

Discuss:

- 1) Read Phil 3:17-4:1. Take a moment to reflect on the passage and sermon. Share what you walked away with from the service.
- 2) What comes first grace or obedience in our relationship with God? Why is that significant? (Keep in mind it was significant enough that it is reflected in every apostolic letter.)
- 3) What is it about forgiveness believers show that is so powerful? How have you experienced this yourself or been encouraged by it?
- 4) As we Respond to Grace we are called to follow good examples and set good examples (v. 17). Think about Paul’s example. As a good mentor, how did he both show the way and share the wounds?
- 5) **When you think about mentoring someone:**
 - a. **What thoughts come to mind?**
 - b. **What feelings/emotions rise up?**
 - c. **What desires in you help you gravitate towards or cause you to shrink back from mentoring?**
 - d. **What would be your simple prayer to God be in regards to mentoring someone?**
- 6) We are called to avoid Gospel enemies as we respond to God’s grace. What should we recognize about Gospel enemies? (vv. 18-19)
- 7) In contrast to gospel enemies what should we recognize about heavenly citizens? (3:20-4:1)

Partner:

1. Share prayer requests.
2. Pray for one another.