Group Conversation Guide
Week of November 19

SERIES: More to Life: A Study in Philippians
MESSAGE: We Are Citizens of Heaven
Scripture: Philippians 3

BEFORE YOUR MEETING

Watch or attend this week's message from Jay Austin at Church at Viera:
https://churchatviera.com/live/

BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION (ICEBREAKER)

- If someone watched the way you lived for a week, what would they say matters most to you?

STUDY TOGETHER

What does it mean to live on earth with your identity and allegiance rooted in heaven?

Paul reminds us that following Jesus means more than believing certain things or following religious practices. It means finding our identity in Christ, making Him our greatest priority, and living under His authority as King. Our citizenship is in heaven, but our mission is here on earth.

Jesus Is Our Confidence, Not Our Accomplishments

Read Philippians 3:1–9

- What stands out to you in these scriptures about God's character?
- Why do we want to rely on our own efforts instead of what Jesus has done for us?
- What competes with us knowing and following Jesus more fully?

Knowing Jesus Changes Everything

Read Philippians 3:8–11

- What truth does God want us to see in these verses?
- What does it look like for you to move beyond knowing about Jesus to truly knowing Him?

- What does our everyday relationship with Jesus look like as we seek to know him, experience his power, and share in his suffering?
- Where is Jesus inviting you to trust Him more and rejoice, even in difficult circumstances?

Don't Let Your Past Determine Your Future

Read Philippians 3:12–14

- How can past failures, accomplishments, or regrets keep us from moving forward in our faith?
- What does it look like to press on toward Jesus without allowing your past to define you?
- Where do you need to let your past stop defining what God wants to do with you in the future?

Live With Compassion in a World That Has Lost Its Way

Read Philippians 3:18–19

- Why do you think Paul speaks about those who reject the cross with tears rather than anger?
- Who in your life needs more of your compassion?

Live Like a Citizen of Heaven

Read Philippians 3:20–21 and 2 Corinthians 5:20

- Because Jesus is our King, and we are citizens of heaven, what should our ambassadorship look like?
- How can this change the way that we see church and bringing our one more to Jesus?

WORSHIP TOGETHER

CeCe Winans - That's My King - youtu.be/cM5qFXQ0p1o?si=VrJUczvibiSQ_gqI

PRAYER TOGETHER

Pray for:

- A deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus.
- Freedom from the past and faith to keep moving forward.
- Compassion for those who don't know Jesus.
- Confidence in our identity as citizens of heaven.
- Courage to live for Jesus and represent Him well everywhere we go.