



Sermon Discussion Questions

July 12, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME (Week 16)

Sermon: Study through the Book of Philippians, Part 2

Focus text: Philippians 1:12-26

As we read through this text, we learn that God's Word is meant to encourage and challenge us as believers in our walk with Christ.

Adam provides us with three key points to take away from this section of Philippians:

- Opposition can lead to opportunity.
- Gospel (The "Good News" of Jesus Christ) has to be the agenda.
- Christ must be magnified in us, so that he might be magnified through us, at all cost.

During troubling and challenging times, as people of God we have to lead from our core and that is the Gospel. We have to be willing to partner with others on mission from the only agenda that matters, and that is the Good News of Jesus Christ. That we will stand in the boldness of the Gospel and support of the advancement of God's Word.

Below are reflection questions, take time to consider these questions and what they would look like in your walk with Christ:

- What would bring God the most glory in my life? How can Christ be most glorified in my life and in my decisions?
- What is best for the church? When I say this, do this, or get involved, how does this reflect the name of Christ in my community? And is it for the good of those who I am called to do life with?
- How do I live a life reflective of God's glory in the midst of opposition?

Challenge: The challenge for this week is to read and memorize Philippians 2:5-11, which is our key verse for this sermon series.

Family Time

Read together Philippians 1: 12-30

We heard Pastor Adam say, "Opposition can lead to opportunity." What was Paul's opposition in this text? What was his opportunity?

At the time of this letter, Paul was imprisoned. How did Paul view his circumstances?

How can others see God in your life through your circumstances?

It was also said in the message that , "Christ must be magnified in us." This means in every circumstance or trial we should still focus on Jesus and show His love to others. Let that be a challenge for you this week, to find joy in every situation you are in.



Sermon Discussion Questions

July 5, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME (Week 15)

Sermon: Study through the Book of Philippians, Part 1

Focus text: Philippians 1:1-11

In this week's sermon, Adam begins our new series in the book of Philippians and discusses the background and framework of this New Testament text written by the apostle Paul. We learn that this letter written by Paul was to the church of Philippi and contains doctrine and theology that is still relevant to our lives today, as Christ-followers. Paul, at the start of this letter identifies himself as a "servant of the Lord" and in doing so sets the identity of himself and the reader of the text. Adam shares with us that our identity dictates our actions and who we are, and that this idea holds true in our walk as Christians. Meaning that our identity in Christ should inform how we live and who we are.

Three main points from our focus text:

- Our affection and love for Christ. Our affection for Christ should cause an outward expression of love for one another.
- Proclaiming the Gospel (Are you willing to share of the hope that is within us?).
- Partnering and sharing the Gospel work with others for the glory of God.

Take a few moments to reflect on these questions given by Adam at the end of his sermon. Use these questions as a guide while you study/ reflect on Philippians 1:1-11.

- How do you self-identify? Are there aspects of your identity that you may have not fully surrendered to Christ? If yes, what aspects are they?
- Are you committed to putting the Gospel on display where you are? What does that look like in your life?
- What would it look like as a church for us to defend and proclaim the Gospel, and partnering with others to do the same?

Challenge: Be intentional in memorizing and studying Philippians 2:5-11 by creating S.P.A.C.E. (acronym given by Adam on week 14 of the GracePoint at home series) to spend time with God and reflect on what God is telling/showing you through this passage. Also, pray that our church can find ways and be guided into conversations and opportunities to partner with others to spread and defend the Gospel.

Family Time

As a family read Philippians 1:1-2

We see that Paul views the people at Philippi as both Christ followers and citizens of Philippi. He is reminding them that being a Christ follower is a foundational part of their identity. What are some different things/areas that influence your identity? (i.e. family member, student, hobby or interests, Christian) How can you show others that you are a Christ follower and that being a Christ follower is an important part of who you are? What can you do as an entire family to show others that Jesus is very important to you?



Sermon Discussion Questions

June 21, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 14

Focus text Daniel 6

In this week's sermon, Adam takes us through the Old Testament narrative of Daniel, and we are given the importance of creating space and intentional time with God. We are also given a practical tool to help us in creating space and discipline in our walk with God. Below we have provided you with the acronym S.P.A.C.E. and a challenge that was posed at the end of Adam's sermon, take a few moments to meditate on the practical steps you can take to be more intentional in your relationship with God. Plan how you can best take part in the challenge given by Adam.

Reflection/ Discussion:

S: Sacrifice
P: Place
A: Activity
C: Cadence
E: Ebenezer

1. What would you be willing to sacrifice to make your relationship with God more of a priority?
2. What is your current “cadence” of getting with the Lord for prayer and Bible study?
3. Is there someone in your community that you could invite into this discussion to hold you accountable in creating SPACE.

Challenge:

Take the next 30 days to intentionally create space, and to sacrifice time to be with God.

Family Time

Read together as a family, Daniel 6: 1-13.

In today's sermon, Adam gives us a practical tool (S.P.A.C.E) that we can use to help us commit and grow in our relationship with God. He also shares with us the need to embrace or welcome the challenge of growing closer in our relationship with God. Brainstorm with your family what it means to commit and sacrifice certain things to grow closer to God. Also, what are practices, that as a family, you can carry out to be more intentional in your relationships with God?



Sermon Discussion Questions

June 14, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 13

Focus text Hebrews 13:9-16

The letter of Hebrews closes with a comparison of sacrifice from the old covenant to a new sacrifice ushered in through the person and work of Jesus Christ and His new covenant. From an old covenant perspective, a sacrifice is something that restores our relationship with God and is an act of worship. As part of the new covenant our sacrifice to God is solely offered **in and through** Jesus Christ.

We see three kinds of sacrifice in this passage.

Reflection/discussion questions regarding how we love:

- **Praise.** A continual offering of praise and devotion to God that flows from our hearts. What would it look like to have a **continual** offering of praise in your daily life? Does praising God seem like a sacrifice? Why or why not? Share with someone what your personal rhythms of praise looks like in a given day or week.
- **Shared Life.** A sacrifice of serving and loving others. Following the command of loving your neighbors and enemies. How do you rate yourself in this area of sacrifice? Is serving others a challenge for you or is it something that you do well? What are some practical ways you can grow in the sacrifice of serving others?
- **Suffering.** A sacrifice of following Jesus has components of suffering in a Christ follower's life. We are called to leave our own comforts and personal securities at times to follow Jesus. To live with an eternal perspective more than a temporal perspective. What does following Jesus cost you in this earthly life? What are some areas in your earthly life that you hold onto too closely and struggle to leave your comforts and security for Jesus?

Family Time

As a family read Hebrews 13:15-16

We learn that two ways we can honor God in our life is through praising Him with our words and actions and also, by serving others. What are some ways that you can praise God with your words and actions? (talk to your kids about times our words and actions don't always line up; for example, saying you're sorry, but not really meaning it versus saying you're sorry from your heart).



Sermon Discussion Questions

June 7, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 12

Focus text Hebrews 13:1-6

The marks of a Christian's life has the virtues of faith, hope and love. Jesus commanded us to love God with all our heart, mind and soul. But He also commanded us to love others as we love ourselves, even our enemies. Love is more than a mere feeling, but instead is an active commitment, and God promises to give us the strength to love others well. Consider the reflection questions below as you examine your heart and how love is displayed in your life.

Reflection/discussion questions regarding how we love:

- What/who do you really love?
- What are your top priorities as you love?
- What are you passionate about?
- What do you tell others about?
- What do you give to, sacrifice for?
- What do you love that is good?
- What do you love that is bad?
- What do you want to love that you do not love now?

Family Time

As a family, read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

In the sermon for today, we heard a lot about love, and how as Christians we are called to love differently than the world does. Some believe that love is just a feeling, but it is actually a commitment to walk in love as God has commanded us. As we think about this topic of love, and how we are to love God and our neighbors, discuss with your family how they can love God and each other well. As a family, brainstorm some creative ways that you can demonstrate your love for God and others.



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 31, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 11

Focus text Habakkuk 1:1-5

We see in Habakkuk an honest complaint about the state of the world followed by an expectation that God will faithfully respond in His sovereignty and in His righteousness. Habakkuk reminds us to hold firmly to our faith in God even when our circumstances are overwhelming and God's timing is also perfect for His children.

Questions to consider:

- If you were honest with God and wanted to voice a complaint about your current circumstances what would you say?
- As you think back to difficult seasons of your life, how has God proven Himself faithful?
- If you were to write a song of praise, what truths about God's character and faithfulness would you declare in your lyrics?
- What does "living by faith" in this season need to look like for you?

Family Time

As a family, read Matthew 6:25-34

Talk about things or situations that you currently worry about? What are some areas that bring you anxiety? Follow that discussion by talking about how God cares and meets the needs of even the little things in His creation. Ask your child about other creatures in nature are taken care of. As you reference this passage, help your child begin to claim some of these promises and ask God for help with worry and anxiety. This would be a great passage to read throughout the week.



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 24, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 10

Focus text Hebrews 12:1-3

As Christ followers, our calling is to perseverance and endure a sometimes agonizing race. We not only look to the example of what Jesus endured, but we also get our strength and joy no matter the circumstance from Him. Jesus also rescues us from our own sin and through Him we are called to be agents of reconciliation as we experience the effects of sin in our world.

Personal patterns of sin:

What sin in your life is **hindering** you from running the race? What sin “easily entangles” you?

What’s **distracting** you today and making it hard to focus on Jesus? As you identify what is distracting you, we encourage you to prayerfully **confess** and **repent** of what is competing with Jesus in your life.

Patterns of sin throughout humanity:

Where do you see the effects of sin and how can you serve as an **agent of reconciliation**?

As a Christ follower, what tangible steps can you take to become **light** and “**shine like stars**” in a fallen world? How can you use your **voice** and your **life** to stand up against sin and its effects in the world?

Family Time

As a family, read Philippians 2:15-16

When we trust in Jesus and put our faith in Him, we are adopted into His family as sons and daughters. As His children, He wants us to be good examples for Him to the world around us, especially to those who do not know Him. How can we be a “light” or a good example to our family? To our friends? At school? At church? In our community?



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 17, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 9

Focus text Hebrews 11:1-4

Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Our faith can be affected by life’s circumstance or trials. Hebrews chapter 11 gives us examples and instructions on keeping our faith strong even when our hope is not realized or we don’t experience what has been promised by God in this life.

Some questions to consider as you examine your faith.

How often do I examine my faith and it's outcomes in my life? Is my faith growing or stagnant? What does living by faith mean?

Bill shared 3 different levels of faith we find in Scripture.

- 1)Belief- a **casual** disciple (John 6:66)
- 2)Trust- a **convinced** disciple (Matt 6:21-23)
- 3)Commitment- a **committed** disciple (Luke 9:23-26)

Of these 3 levels, what level is my faith? What kind of disciple am I? What may be hindering my faith? Do I consider my faith active or dull?

Family Time

As a family read Hebrews 11:1-4

Talk through the definition of faith according to Hebrews 11:1. As a family share some personal examples of people or things you have faith in? What are some ways you choose to have faith in God although you can't physically see Him? (examples, looking at nature, the amazing human body, the universe).



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 10, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 8

Focus text Ephesians 2:19-22

As Christ followers, we are privileged to have a special form of community that the world cannot produce, but can only exist because of the work of Jesus and the ongoing work of His Spirit within the lives of Christ Followers. We call this form of community our spiritual family.

And as members of this family, we have a responsibility to other family members, which are given to us through nearly 100 “one another” statements and commands. The main themes of these commands are **unity** within this family, **loving** one another and having an attitude of **humility**. Which of these 3 themes do you live out most often? Which theme do you struggle to live out? Why do you think that is?

For us to truly invest and contribute in our spiritual family, smaller environments seem to give us the best opportunity to be known and know others. Consider the following questions:

- Outside of the Sunday morning gatherings, are you part of a smaller community at GracePoint?
- Who makes up your spiritual family?
- Are you able to be vulnerable with your spiritual family? Do you make it possible for them to be vulnerable with you?
- In what ways, does your spiritual family support and challenge you?

Family Time

Focus text I Corinthians 12:14-18

As a family, talk about how the church (God’s family) is compared to the human body. How amazing the human body is and how interdependent each part is with other parts of the body. Every part of our body is useful and needed. So it is with God’s family. Process with your kid’s how many parts of the body are used when a person walks or runs (it goes well beyond just our legs). How can God use kids, parents, friends, etc. within His church? (help them see roles beyond leading worship or preaching).



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 3, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 7

Focus text John 4:1-26

As Christ followers, we are commanded in Matthew 28 to “Go and make disciples”. We believe God is using this season to shape His church and has given us a unique opportunity to engage our neighbors and those around us with a renewed purpose.

What hinders you from engaging the lostness around you? What personal takeaway(s) do you have when you read the passage in John 4 about Jesus and the Samaritan woman?

Adam shared some practical steps in engaging those God brings across our path and into our life in spiritual conversations. The investment in another person’s life happens over time.

- Pray for them specifically and for opportunity and favor.
- Find time to learn their personal story
- Ask them how you can pray for them and serve them?
- Can I share my story?
- Can I share God’s story?

What comes to mind when you think about taking these practical steps with someone? Do you feel fear, excitement, inadequacy, anxiety, compassion or something else? Share with someone or your small group a time in your life when you meaningfully engaged someone who was close to you, but far from God. What was the outcome?

Family Time

As a family, read the account of the woman at the well in John 4:1-14

Discuss with your family why Jesus would have cared about someone who was so different from Him. What do you think this tells us about Jesus and His mission? Have you ever been kind to someone that others may have rejected or made fun of? What happened?



Sermon Discussion Questions

April 26, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 6

Focus text 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:24-25, calls us to “stir up one another to love and good deeds” and not forsake meeting together as believers. As a church body, how can we continue to be faithful to God’s mission to make disciples and encourage those around us, when we do not have the ability to gather together during this season?

Though this season is challenging as we cannot gather together, it does not diminish God’s mission to make disciples, and His Word remains strong and steadfast.

Consider and discuss the following questions:

- What has this season taken away from you? Where are you experiencing some level of grief or loss?
- What has this season NOT taken away from you? What are you more aware of?
- What has this season given me? (blessing)

Adam shared three things this pandemic has given us.

- An altar in every home.
- A greater appreciation for our spiritual family.
- Increased awareness of the needs of those around us.

Do those statements resonate with you? When restrictions are lifted, how can you stay committed and live out those values moving forward?

Family Time

As a family read, 2 Timothy 1:3-4

Paul is writing this from prison, and he misses seeing those he loves.

Ask your child who they miss seeing right now? What activities do they miss the most during this quarantine? What do they look forward to the most when we can gather again at church? Think of some creative ways you can connect with those you care about during this time at home.



Sermon Discussion Questions

April 19, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 5

Focus text Romans 8:1-25

Romans chapter 8 is a powerful summary of the Gospel. Chapter 8 is a significant pivot from a place of death, bondage and guilt for all people to a new life in the Spirit of God, freedom through Jesus Christ and we can be found righteous in Him. We learn there is “now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

We encourage you to spend time in this passage throughout the week and prayerfully consider the life giving truth that we can claim for our own life in Christ Jesus.

Here are some questions to pray through and share with others:

- Are you feeling enslaved to the things of this world? Have you experienced this freedom in Christ?
- In what ways are you currently pursuing Intimacy with the Father?
- What are you currently setting your mind upon? Things of the flesh or things of the Spirit? (vs. 5)
- How does the truth that we are family in Christ change the way that we interact with one another?
- How is God refining you in these moments of quarantine?

Family Time

As a family read Romans 8:14-15

Ask your kids to share what adoption means to them. Because Jesus bridged the gap between us and God the Father, if we put our faith in Jesus and ask for forgiveness of our sins, we can be in God's family. What does "forgiveness of sins" mean to you? (this can be a good opportunity to revisit the cross and Good Friday) What do you think about God adopting you as a son or daughter?



Sermon Discussion Questions

April 12, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 4

Focus text Hebrews 10:19-22

To this point, the writer of Hebrews has shown Jesus as better than anything before Him and how Jesus is the perfect, one time sacrifice for us. Because of His sacrifice on our behalf and through faith, we have a new life in Christ, full access to God Himself and a new hope. Because of what we now have in Jesus, the writer passionately exhorts us to draw near to God.

What do you think it means to draw near to God? What does drawing near to God look like in your life?

One way to draw near to God is not with works-based actions, but with a **sincere heart**. God desires the affections of our heart, which leads to worship. What stirs your affections for God? What competes in your life for your affections? What hinders you from sincerely drawing near to God?

Do you have regular rhythms that help you draw near to God? What are they?

Adam stated that unconfessed sin not only hinders our affections for God, but can leave us feeling distant from Him. We know Jesus will forgive our sins, but we must confess our sin before Him. Have you had seasons in your life where you held on to unconfessed sin? How did it affect your relationship with God? What are some ways you can avoid that happening again in your life?

Family Time

As a family, read Luke 24:1-12

Ask your kid's if they think this just a story or that it really happened? Are they surprised the disciples didn't believe the women's report? Would you have believed their report? What is something you know is true? What does it mean to believe something? (Believe means we accept something is true) Give examples of things we believe to be true.

Parents: Help your kids understand that the cross and resurrection really happened and not just a story. Help them see that Jesus endured the cross for our sins because He loves us, and now we can celebrate that Jesus is alive today.



Sermon Discussion Questions

April 5, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 3

Focus text Hebrews 11:1

Bill defined hope from two different perspectives. Worldly Hope- a desire for certain things to occur. Biblical Hope- not merely a desire for certain things to occur; but a confident expectation they will occur. A certainty of the future of what God has promised.

What kind of hope do you hold to? Do you go back and forth between the two? How has this season impacted the kind of hope you stand on?

Three truths from Scripture about hope.

1) **Hope infuses stability.** Hebrews 6:18 tells us that hope serves as an anchor for our soul. God is steadfast and unchanging no matter the circumstance. We can be certain of His victory over sin and death here on earth and in His plans for eternity. Where does your stability come from? Is it dependent on you? How has this pandemic affected your stability?

2) **Hope instills a new way of thinking and living.** Knowing what we have in Christ changes us. In Christ, we have access to an endless reservoir of hope. What are some ways you access that reservoir of hope freely given from God? Share with someone times you have experienced a reservoir of Godly hope in the midst of difficulties and trials.

3) **Hope implants the will and power to persevere.** The focal point of our hope is Jesus. And when our hope rests on Jesus, He promises to give us the power to persevere. How does this truth impact your life? Do you struggle with depending on God for strength to endure prolonged trials or hardships? What can our hopeful perseverance as Christians show to the world?

Family Time

As a family, read Hebrews 11:1

From Hebrews 11:1, review with your child that Godly hope is the desire for something good in the future with an expectation for it to happen.

We can and should put our hope in God and all of the blessings He provides! Share with your child/family a time when you've trusted God even when it was hard. Tell them of His faithfulness and how we can always know our hope is in Him.

As a family, discuss how placing our hope in Christ can help us during the current season we are in.



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 29, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 2

Focus text **Philippians 4:4-9**

Today's passage in Philippians speaks directly to the anxiety and fear that we may be experiencing due to uncertainty in our life. Do you agree with the following statement? "Our anxiety shows us what we believe to be true about God in the midst of our circumstances." What are some specific areas you may be anxious about? What promises about God you can cling to right now?

Paul gives us 3 promises about God in this passage that combats anxiety and worry.

1. **God is ALWAYS near.** The presence of God leads to peace and relief from life's worries and fears. His presence alone is an infinite source of peace that goes beyond our understanding. What are some unhealthy ways you may try to get relief from anxiety? Do you believe that God is near and desires to give you freedom from the burden of worry?
2. **When we cry out (pray) to God, He promises to give us peace and to guard our heart and mind.** What is it that you need from God right now? If you are struggling to believe something about God, ask Him for help to believe it.
3. If we ask, **God will help us "fix our mind" on things that honor Him and represent His kingdom.** Our mind is a battlefield and what we choose to dwell on can affect every aspect of our being. What are you dwelling on? Is it excellent and praiseworthy (v. 8)? If not, what are some areas of your thought life that you can give over to God and His truth?

Family Time

Read together as a family, Philippians 4:4-9.

The Bible doesn't tell us to only celebrate big occasions such as your birthday, or a special holiday, or only when great things happen. It tells us to celebrate and rejoice always! This means we should rejoice even on boring days...even when we can't go to school...even when we don't get to play with our friends...even when things are not going our way. We should rejoice in the Lord always because He loves us, He protects us, He gave His life for us, He will never ever leave us! Did you know that is a promise? It is an amazing gift that He gives us each and every day, and that is a reason to rejoice!

As a family celebrate together. Ask the following questions and rejoice together!

What is something you learned today either from Adam's message or the Bible story videos?

Who protects us and promised to never leave us? If this is a hard question for you or your child to believe in, ask the Lord to help you believe.

What is something you are thankful for today?



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 22, 2020

Series: GRACEPOINT | HOME

Sermon: Week 1

Focus text Hebrews 6:17-20

This passage speaks truth about God's character and the certainty of His promises. Even if our life and the world around us seems out of control, God promises to be a refuge and a rock that cannot be moved or shaken. We are encouraged to **anchor our hope** solely in the character and promises of God. And we trust that Jesus is our forerunner and he fully represents us before God.

As you process through these questions, we encourage you to find someone to share and talk with. (in your household, call, text, zoom)

1. What is your biggest fear during this time?
2. What are you doing to combat the overwhelming flood of information?
3. Do you struggle with trusting God when you are facing trials or suffering?
4. Why is God a steadfast anchor?
5. What promises from God's Word can we cling to during this time?
6. How can we take this hope that we have and share it with others during this season?

Family Time

As a family read together Matthew 6: 25-34.

You heard Adam say in the message that we live in hope in spite of our circumstances. These are certainly very different days for our children to understand and they are bound to have anxious thoughts, let's be sure to teach them that we can have hope through Jesus Christ. We know who holds our future and we can trust Him at all times.

Take advantage of those teachable moments, when you hear that bird chirping outside, remind them how God takes care of them. When you see those flowers starting to come up as you walk outside with your children, remind them that God meets their every need, the flowers and birds do not worry because God takes care of them and He loves us so much more, He will take care of us too.