

Week 12 – Joy, Joy, Joy

Read: Philippians 4:1–9

Reflect: Kingdom joy isn't circumstantial—it is cultivated through unity, prayer, and a mind fixed on what is true and good. Rejoicing is a choice rooted in God's peace and presence.

Pray: Lord, teach me to rejoice in You always. Let my heart be guarded by Your peace and my mind renewed by Your truth.

Pause and Consider: What would it look like for you to practice joy today?

Week 13 – Content in All Things

Read: Philippians 4:10–13

Reflect: Kingdom culture cultivates contentment—not through control, but through trust in Christ's sufficiency.

Pray: Jesus, be my strength and my enough. Teach me to be content wherever You place me.

Pause and Consider: Are you drawing strength from your circumstances or from Christ?

Week 14 – It's All About the Glory

Read: Philippians 4:14–23

Reflect: The Kingdom begins and ends with God's glory. Every provision, every partnership, every act of grace points to Him. To our God be glory forever and ever.

Pray: Father, may everything in my life reflect Your glory. Remind me that it's all from You and all for You.

Pause and Consider: In what area of your life can you intentionally give glory to God today?

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We would love to hear how 'Kingdom Culture in the Book of Philippians' has encouraged, challenged, or inspired you. Your thoughts help us grow and encourage others on their journey too.

To share your thoughts:

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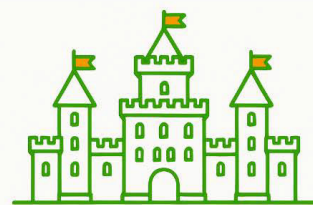
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Kingdom Culture in the



Book of Philippians



In Philippians 1:27 the Apostle Paul urges the believers in Philippi to 'live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ'. (New Living Translation). What we have in this letter are many encouragements from Paul as to what this looks like, for the first recipients of the letter, and also for us.

Over the coming months we will be looking at the letter to the church in Philippi, exploring what it says about Kingdom culture and focusing on how we, as followers of Jesus, can live as citizens of God's Kingdom while in the world. Each week there will be a suggested passage which you can meditate upon for the whole week, you may want to use the following pattern as you come to the passage each day:

- **Read** the passage from Philippians several times
- **Reflect** on the passage in light of Kingdom values
- **Pray** that the Holy Spirit aligns your heart with what is at the heart of the text
- **Pause and Consider** what questions or actions you are to carry through the day

We welcome your insights and would appreciate hearing about the inspirations and lessons gained from your reflections on this material. For instructions on how to share your thoughts with us, please refer to the back page.

Week 1 – The Fellowship of the Gospel the Gospel

Read: Philippians 1:1–11

Reflect: Kingdom culture begins in partnership—not competition. We are co-labourers, not rivals, brought together by the Gospel and sustained by God's work in us.

Pray: Lord, make me a true partner in Your mission. Let me celebrate what You are doing in others and be confident in Your work in me.

Pause and Consider: How can you strengthen Gospel partnerships today?

Week 2 – Chains for Christ s for Christ

Read: Philippians 1:12–18a

Reflect: In Kingdom culture, even suffering serves a purpose. Paul's chains advanced the Gospel—proof that God works through every circumstance.

Pray: Father, use my trials to bring light. Give me boldness to speak hope in unlikely places. Pause and Consider: How could your current hardship serve the Kingdom?

Week 3 – Partnership

Read: Philippians 1:4–6, 2 Corinthians 5: 17–20, Acts 2:42–47

Reflect on the word partnership (koinonia) and take some time to meditate on what its for us as a church to be: Gospel partners (Philippians 1:4–6), Kingdom partners (2 Corinthians 5: 17–20) and Covenant partners. (Acts 2:42–47)

Week 4 – To Live is Christ

Read: Philippians 1:18b–22

Reflect: Kingdom life begins with a Christ-centred perspective. Paul's joy was not rooted in outcomes but in the bold proclamation of Christ—whether by life or death.

Pray: Lord, let my life be about You. Whether in my words or my trials, may Christ be exalted.

Pause and Consider: How might your daily choices reflect a life lived for Christ?

Week 5– The Tension of Desire and Duty

Read: Philippians 1:23–26

Reflect: In the Kingdom, personal desires are laid down for others' good. Though Paul longed to be with Christ, he chose to stay—for the sake of others' progress and joy in the faith.

Pray: Jesus, give me the heart to stay when You call me to serve. Let me embrace the tension for the sake of others.

Pause and Consider: Where might God be calling you to choose service over comfort?

Week 6– The Mindset of Christ

Read: Philippians 2:1–11

Reflect: Kingdom greatness is humility. Jesus invites us to adopt His mindset—serving others, not asserting ourselves.

Pray: Humble King, shape my heart to serve like You do.

Pause and Consider: Where can you choose humility over entitlement today?

Week 7– Shine Like Stars

Read: Philippians 2:12–18

Reflect: In a dark world, Kingdom citizens shine—not by striving, but by holding fast to the Word and walking in obedience.

Pray: Lord, let me shine with Your light today not complaining but glowing with hope. Pause and Consider: What attitude dims your light—and what will help you shine?

Week 8– Kingdom Examples

Read: Philippians 2:19–30

Reflect: Timothy and Epaphroditus modelled sacrificial service. Kingdom culture is passed down through people who live it out.

Pray: Father, make me an example worth following. Teach me to value what You value. Pause and Consider: Who can you learn from or mentor in Kingdom ways?

Week 9– Kingdom Confidence

Read: Philippians 3:1–10

Reflect: In the Kingdom, we don't boast in self but in Christ. Everything outside of Him is loss compared to knowing Him.

Pray: Strip me of false confidence, Lord. Let me rest in the righteousness that comes from You.

Pause and Consider: Where are you tempted to rely on your own strength or status?

Week 10 – Pressing Toward the Prize

Read: Philippians 3:10–14

Reflect: The Kingdom journey is forward-focused. We press on, not because we've arrived, but because we have been claimed by Christ.

Pray: Keep me moving forward, Jesus. Help me forget what is behind and pursue what is ahead in You.

Pause and Consider: What is one thing you need to leave behind today?

Week 11 – Citizens of Heaven

Read: Philippians 3:15–21

Reflect: Our identity is not rooted in this world. As Kingdom citizens, we live with eternal perspective, awaiting the return of our true King.

Pray: Lord, anchor my identity in heaven. Make me long for Your return and live like it's coming soon.

Pause and Consider: What changes when you truly believe your citizenship is in heaven?