

Grateful Heart Thinks of the Future

Philippians 3:7-14

November 14, 2021

Next Steps

OPENING PRAYER:

Heavenly God, we gather as strangers and friends, searching for new ways to live and follow you. Earthly Savior, come and live among us, that we might imitate you, using our hands to heal and our minds to create your will. May our worship be filled with your Spirit, transforming us into brothers and sisters, conforming us to your glorious purpose. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the sermon this week?
- Where did you see God this week?
- What in your life are you truly proud of? God wants us to find a balance of pride and humility (see last week).

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Philippians 3:7-14.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- How do you define success?
 - According to Paul, what's the secret of success?
 - What differences do you see? How will resolve the differences?
- Who teaches you about living the faith? What can you apply to your life?
 - In 10, 20 years, what do you want someone to say about how you taught them to the faith?
 - What steps will you take to make it happen?

NEXT STEPS:

- Commit to the gratitude jar or social media post of gratitude for every day until thanksgiving.
- What is holding you back from being who Jesus sees? Be fully honest to yourself, write it down and pray over it ... then burn it!
- What would help you to 'grow' in love of Jesus? How will you put this into action in your life?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Gracious God, you invite us to a festival of praise, a praise made possible because we can give our worries and our burdens to you. You take from us the concerns that weigh us down, the stresses of life, the challenges of work and relationships, and in exchange you give us peace -- blessed and blissful peace. It doesn't make sense. Nothing outward has changed. Yet, when we place ourselves in your care, nothing is the same, and for that we humbly say, "thank you." Amen.