

{ Dinnertime Devotionals }



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Weekly Theme: Philippians 1

Verse #1: Philippians 1:1-2

(I use the NKJV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

All Ages Discussion Starter: Quick aside—I have the worst time with putting an extra ‘L’ in Philippians. Have you worked on the books of the New Testament (order, pronunciations, spelling) with your kids? Why does this book start with a greeting? (Hint: Was it always a book?)

Verse #2: Philippians 1:3-11

All Age Discussion Starter: Paul begins his letter with a greeting and thanksgiving for the church at Philippi. Why would Paul start his letter this way? There is an old saying, “People won’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” How does this saying apply to what Paul is doing in this letter?

We are also called to give thanks to God in our prayers and to address Him in a respectful manner? How do you start prayers in your family?

Verse #3: Philippians 1:12-18

All Age Discussion Starter: Paul make reference to his current situation, which the church at Philippi would have know about. Do you know what his situation was? Consider doing a bit of research online as a family to get the proper setting for this letter? While you’re at it, look up Philippi on a New Testament map.

Paul also mentioned those who preach out of envy and rivalry. Are there some today who preach for the wrong reasons? How do we get past this to do the job we should be doing?

Verse #4: Philippians 1:19-26

All Age Discussion Starter: Paul had fully devoted his life to Christ. What does this verse mean—“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Paul longed to be at home in heaven with Christ but also understood he had very important work that only he could do on this earth? Can you think of some passages in the New Testament that speak about the work that each member of the church is supposed to be doing?

Verse #5: Philippians 1:27-30

All Age Discussion Starter: For the kids... How do you think it makes your parents feel when they hear that you are doing good things at school or when you are away from them?

Everyone likes to hear a good report. It encourages and serves as a reminder that you are doing the right things. Paul was their father in a spiritual sense and wanted to hear of good things coming from the Christians at Philippi.