

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

PHILIPPIANS

3:17 - 4:1



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Upcoming Events!

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Aaron has started and will continue on Sunday Mornings from 9:15am-10am. Hang out, have a chat, have coffee & a donut.

Good Friday service will be April 15 at 6:30pm.

Easter Sunday service will be April 17 with two services at 9am & 10:30am.

COVID Testing - The NCRC still has COVID PCR tests. Contact Sarah at 231-769-2323 to schedule Monday - Thursday.

NCRC Play & Learn will be here tomorrow, Monday, 3/14 from 10-11am.

COME TO THE TABLE - Conversations on Discipleship will be May 7 at Lansing South Naz. If you are interested in attending, reach out to the church office to register or get more info.

**In England, they drive on the left side of the road.
In Michigan, we drive on what's left of the road.**

Things You Should Know!

Connect Cards can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

Prayer Requests can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

Text to Give is available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! You can also give online by visiting connectionpointmi.com and click the DONATE tab for a secure transaction. Thanks for supporting our ministries here at Connection Point.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/ offerings there is a giving kiosk at the FOR store. Please email the church office for more information.

New Church Directory App is available now! If you need help accessing it please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

Further Reflection for 3/13

Reflection:

1. What is your favorite game from when you were a kid?
2. Who is someone you tried or continue to try to follow (Jesus doesn't count)?

Study:

1. Read Philippians 3:17-4:1
 - a. What is one thing from this text that jumps out to you?
 - b. Paul calls people to follow his example. Is that something you feel comfortable doing? Why or why not?
 - c. What is an area that you know you need to change to be more like Jesus? What keeps you from doing so?
 - d. What do you think are the "enemies of Christ"? What are the moments in life when you have likely been an enemy of Christ?
 - e. Paul is talking about how we can be so wrapped up in the things around us that we miss how God is calling us to live. What leads us to that place?
 - f. What is the implication of us being "citizens of Heaven"?
 - g. Re-read verse 4:1 and summarize the good news of that verse in your own words

Application:

1. What is the most difficult thing for you in following Jesus?
2. How might you go about preparing yourself to be the type of person that can say, "follow me as I follow Christ."

Prayer:

Father, help me to turn to you in my whole life. May the priorities of my life be in line with your Kingdom. May it be obvious by my life that my citizenship is in Heaven. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

- Seek opportunities to grow in the fruits of the spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control).
- Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal the areas that you are not trusting to Him or in which your priorities are not His.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- The Signature of Jesus: Brennan Manning
- The Practice of Prophetic Imagination: Walter Brueggemann

Sermon Notes

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm