



March 26 - 27 Sermon | Philipians 4:8-9

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

1. Read Php. 4:8-9
 - a. What are the two main verbs in this short passage?

 - b. What helps does Paul offer in regards to both of the commands he gives?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

2. Read Php. 1:9-11
 - a. How does Paul describe growth/maturity in the Christian life here?

 - b. In this passage, what is the end goal of Christian life?

3. Read Jas. 1:22-25
 - a. How does James describe growth/maturity in the Christian life here?

 - b. What metaphor does James use to describe *inaction* in the Christian life?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

The lesson in Php. 4:8-9 is that the Bible is our guidebook for Christian life, and we need to read it and be rooted in this good gift from God.

4. Php. 4:8-9 directly ties together right thinking and right living. What does the Bible teach about:
 - a. Forgiveness
 - b. Marriage

5. We cannot know what the Bible teaches if we do not read it:
 - a. How do you grow in knowledge of the scriptures?
 - i. What preachers, podcasts, or books have helped you the most?

 - b. Describe your Bible-reading practice with one word or phrase.
 - i. What scheduling challenges, lifestyle habits, or other commitments get in the way of reading the Scriptures?

 - ii. What is one thing you can do to grow in this necessary Christian practice?

PRAYER Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?