

Joy from our New Identity Philippians 3:17-21

Having Godly examples (and being that for others) provides _____
_____ through the cultural confusion of a broken world. Sometimes a
right direction is what we need most.

Discussion 1. Who helps you navigate the tension between what is spiritually good and what this world presses you to be; who helps you find the right direction? Who are you helping do that?

From its very beginning, Christianity did not fit easily into the various cultures of this world. It was never intended to do so. In our desire to be “relevant” and politically powerful in the world, we can lose the very thing that _____
_____.

Discussion 2. What are some ways Christians might sometimes be “conformed to the ways of this world”? As a Christian, how can you protect yourself against that kind of mistake?

Having our citizenship in Heaven (rather than in this world) means we are willing to surrender all our core identities in exchange for our _____ in _____
_____. Think about that.

Discussion 3. How do you know if there is a particular core identity which you have not yet been willing to diminish in exchange for your identity in Christ? To you, what does it mean to “be in the world but not of the world”?

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead and that will eventually cause every knee to bow and every tongue to confess Him as Lord, that very same power is at work in us as Christ followers, _____
_____ into His likeness.

Discussion 4. What spiritual disciplines might help you to experience more and more the transforming power of Jesus in your life?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?

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¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Prayer Requests for my table:

NEXT WEEK: Philippians 4:1-9