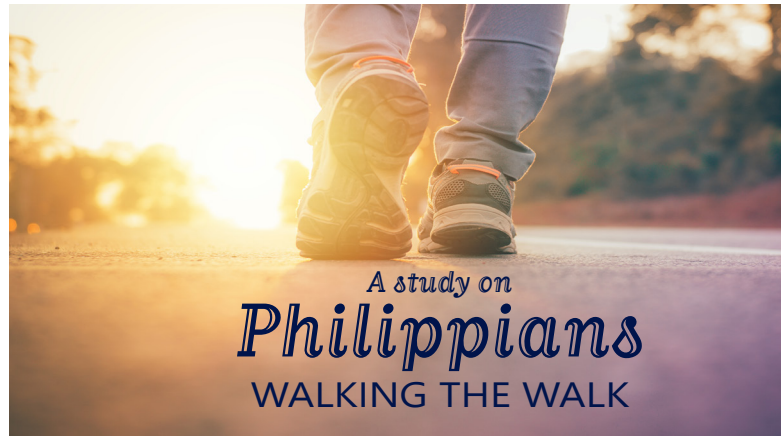




A study on
Philippians
WALKING THE WALK

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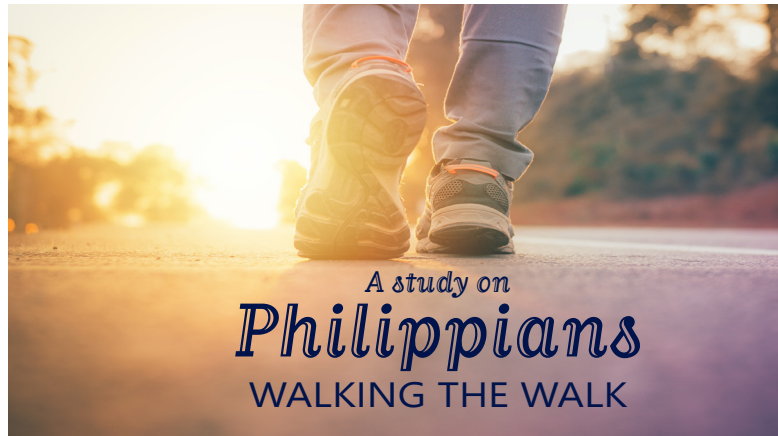
Paul has a mixed story in the city of Philippi. The city is a heavily Gentile city, with little evidence historically of any significant Jewish population. Acts 16 tells us of his first visit to the city. While there, he ends up running afoul of the authorities, stripped, beaten, and imprisoned.

His time in the city and subsequent imprisonment gave rise to a wide reception of the gospel and a thriving church, for which Paul had a great deal of affection. We know of at least two other occasions of Paul visiting the church in Philippi, to strengthen, teach, and encourage their thriving ministry.

Like every church, especially the early churches, Philippian Christians were under immense scrutiny and persecution both from the state and from false teachers. With outside voices teaching different doctrines, divisions grew which threatened the work and had the ability to harm the witness of the church in the area.

Paul encourages the church to keep their kingdom focus and to be diligent to the work to which they had been called.

Though written 2,000 years ago, our hope is Paul's letter will be a great encouragement for us today especially during these stressful and uncertain times. We will learn what it means to be content in all situations while keeping our eyes on Jesus.



Week 1
Introduction
Thanksgiving and Prayer
1:1-1:11; Acts 16:11- 40

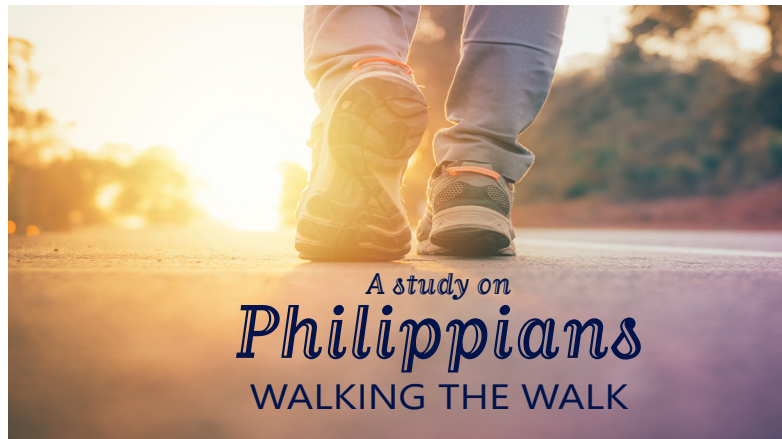
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discuss the city of Philippi before Paul arrives.

What must one do to be saved according to Paul?

Discuss the jailing of Paul and Silas and what impact it had on the guard.



Week 2
To Live is Christ
1:12-1:30

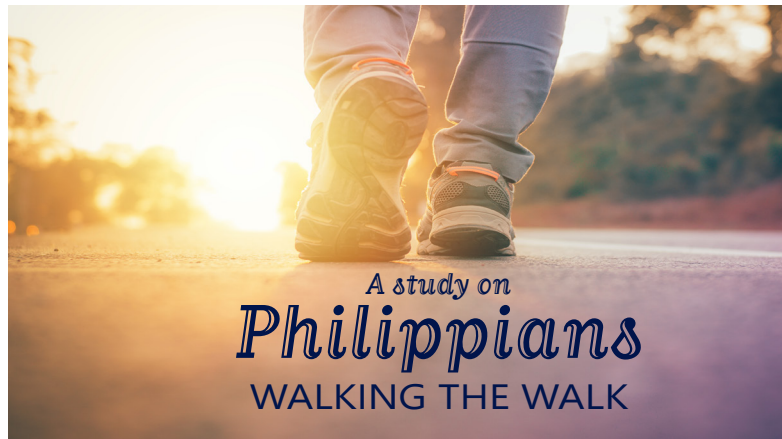
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discuss the different people who are proclaiming Christ and their reasons for it.

In verse 20 Paul hopes to have courage so that Christ is honored in his body whether by life or by death. Discuss this with verse 21.

Discuss the implications of verse 27; "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ". What did that look like to Paul and what should that look like for us?



Week 3
Humility
2:1-2:11

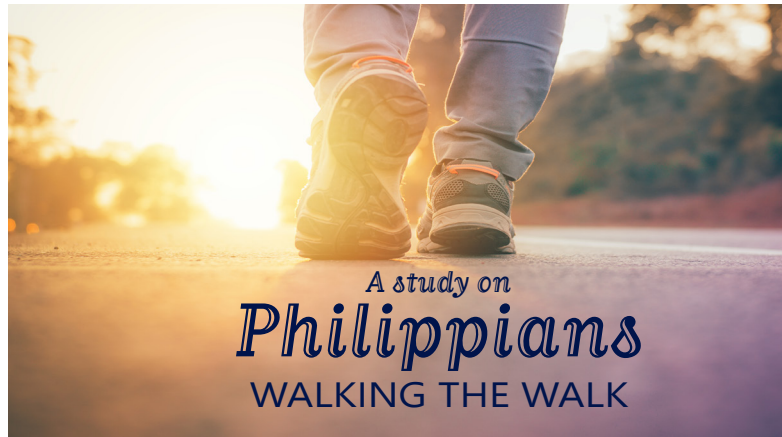
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the definition of humility?

Are we able to live up to the Biblical definition of humility as spelled out here?

Spend a little time discussing the triune nature of God and Jesus being born in the likeness of men.



Week 4
Lights in the World
2:12-2:30

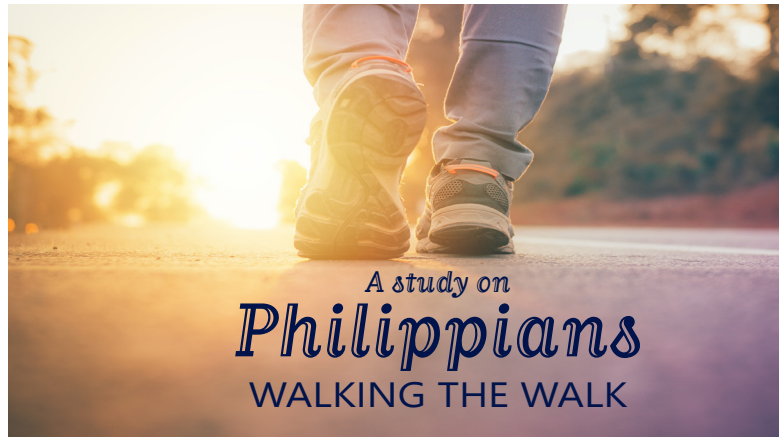
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does it mean to “*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling*”?

Why should we do all things without grumbling or disputing, and how does that impact us?

Paul talked about how the Philippians should act while living in a twisted generation: How can we apply this today?



Week 5
Righteousness
3:1-3:11

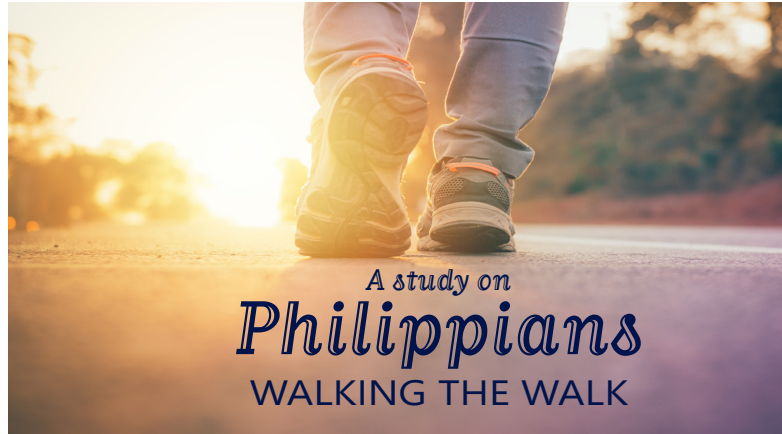
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord?

What does Paul mean when he says "*we are the circumcision*"?

Discuss the difference between the righteousness that comes from the law and the righteousness that comes from Christ.



Week 6
Pressing on
3:12-3:21

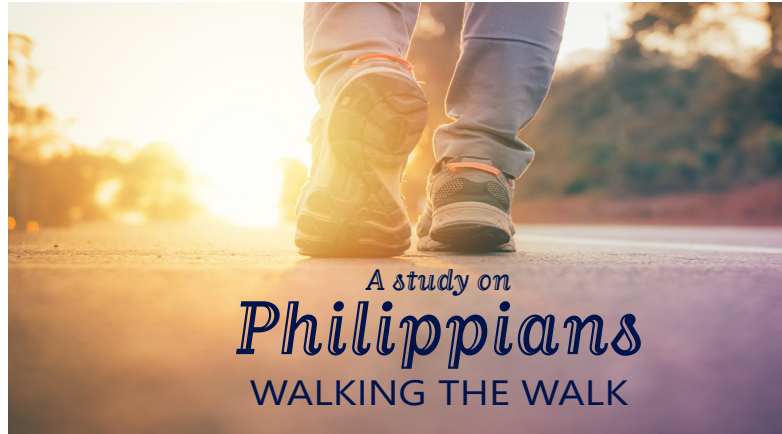
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is Paul pressing on for?

What does Paul mean when he says our citizenship is in heaven?

Where should we be setting our eyes? Where should our focus be?



Week 7
Exhortation, Encouragement and Prayer
4:1-4:9

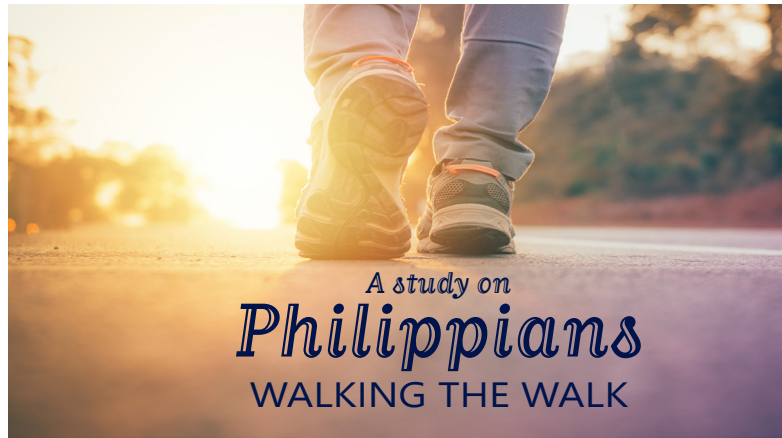
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In verse 4, Paul talks again about rejoicing in the Lord: Again, what does this mean? What does it look like? When is it appropriate?

Discuss Verses 6&7. What does this mean? Is worry a sin? What is supplication?

What is the peace of God discussed in verse 9?



Week 8
God's Provision
4:10-4:23

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does it look like to be content in every situation?

Was Paul content while imprisoned? What evidence supports this?

What does it mean that we can do all things through Christ? What things?