

## THE WEEK AHEAD: Week 3



In *Philippians 1:27* Paul tells us we should conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel and contend for the gospel. These studies will explore that further.

### Sunday

Read the passage that will be preached at the church service you attend. If English is your second language, read the passage in your own language and also in English.

**On the other six days...**

### Day 1

Re-read **Philippians 1:27 – 2:11** and think about the answers you gave to the study questions on pages 13–16.

Memorize this week's memory verse:

**"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5**

Pray for strength and wisdom so that wherever you are, your attitude is "the same as that of Christ Jesus".

### Day 2

Read **John 3:16–21**.

**1** Verses 16–18 are a great summary of the gospel. What is the gospel message according to these verses?

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**2** How do verses 18 and 19 describe people who do not believe in Jesus?

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**3** Jesus is the "light" of verse 19. What will happen to those who hate the light? (see verse 20)

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**4** How should we respond to this?

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Pray for people you know who love "darkness", that they would believe in Jesus.

### Day 3

Read **Colossians 3:12–17**.

Paul wrote this letter to the church at Colosse. Like the church at Philippi, these were a group of young Christians.

**1** What do verses 12–14 tell us about how we should treat each other?

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**2** How can we make sure we give thanks to God? (see verses 15–17)

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**3** Why is it important that we spend time thinking about God's word? (see verse 16)

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Spend some time giving thanks to God. Pray that his word will "dwell in you richly".

## Day 4

Read **1 Peter 2:9–12**.

*This letter was written by Peter, who was one of Jesus' twelve disciples. He wrote it to Christians who were facing opposition because of their Christian faith.*

**1** How does Peter describe Christians in verses 9 and 10?

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**2** What should Christians be doing as a result of these descriptions? (see verse 9)

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**3** Why does Peter describe Christians as “aliens and strangers in the world” in verse 11? (see Philippians 3:20)

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**4** How should we behave, according to verses 11 and 12?

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**5** What will be the effect of our behaviour on those who do not know Jesus? (see verse 12)

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*Pray that your life would be a powerful witness to those who do not know Jesus.*

## Day 5

*Re-read the Bible passages you have read over the past week. Choose a verse that you found particularly helpful, write it down in the space below and memorize it.*

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## Day 6

Read **Philippians 2:5-18** in preparation for **Discipleship Explored**.