

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Philippians 3:17-4:1

These questions are for the **April 6, 2025** message, “**Stand Firm.**” Please read the sermon passage together to set the context for our study.

Passage Outline

As we hold our ground in Christ, each of us needs...

1. Community accountability. (17)
2. Ongoing warning. (18-19)
3. Heavenly Identity. (20-21)
4. Warm exhortation. (4:1)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Jon spoke of the importance of having Godly examples to pattern as we grow up in Christ. The Apostle Paul held himself out as an example, not to be arrogant, but to satisfy the human need to have reliable followers of Jesus that others can, in turn, follow. Share with your group one such example in your life—a person who taught you how to follow Jesus more closely by their words and actions. What is one area of your life that has been impacted by the example of others?
2. Philippians 3:18-19 warns about those who have fallen away from the faith. According to these verses, what are the characteristics of those Paul was describing? At times, Paul spoke angrily of those who would entice young believers, distracting them from their new faith. Why do you think he spoke in these verses he spoke “with tears” of those who walk as enemies of the cross?
3. We tend to get caught up in our earthly identity, and to associate ourselves with causes and social groups here. Philippians 3:20-21 remind us that we are to find our identity in Christ, as citizens of heaven. What do you identify with here on earth that most distracts you from your heavenly citizenship? How can your life group encourage you to remember your citizenship in heaven?
4. The Apostle Paul spoke of the church at Philippi with great affection, telling them numerous ways how he loved them. Pastor Jon taught that this kind of love and affection needs to be present in the church. Discuss with your life group how we might go about developing love for others in the church, even when it’s difficult. How might our experience with church look different if we authentically loved one another more deeply?