

Prayer

Your Life Group, and all of the others meeting this week, are the prayer meetings of our church. How cool is that! Please spend time praying for each other and our church.

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with others.

Each other:

Church

- God will help us with our hearts and our mouths.
- That CCC would be used by God to reach our neighbors, neighborhood and community.
- That the CCC community would be contagious
- Pastors, Staff and Leadership
- Stampede and Round Up
- God to provide the financial resources we need
- Youth and College Ministries
- Life Groups meeting around the area this week



**Restored Identity:
"A Citizen of Heaven"
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Getting Started

Did your parents ever talk about politics? What is your earliest memory of something political?

Read Isaiah 40.12-23. How might these amazing statements about God's power and sovereignty change your mindset about life on this earth? Consider the implications of these verses on today's political climate and world events. Even though we can't fully understand how God works, do these truths change the way you feel? Why or why not?

Going Deeper: Read Philippians 3.17-4.1

Try to describe the group that Paul is so adamantly opposed to in Philippians 3. (You may want to consider the earlier portions of chapter 3 also). According to verse 20, how are the faithful supposed to live? How might the concept of heavenly citizenship inform your understanding of what it means to live as Christ's followers here on earth?

When Jesus sent out 72 people to minister in his name, he instructed them to announce, "The kingdom of God has come near to you" (Luke 10.9). How can we, as citizens of heaven, bring the kingdom of God to this world, especially to those who feel oppressed, abused, and outcast? Think creatively. How is the church uniquely poised to show God's care and compassion to the world in ways the government (and other institutions) cannot?

Paul refers to the other group as having their minds set on earthly things. What do you think Paul means by that? What might that imply about the mindset of citizens of heaven? Take a look at Colossians 3.2 as a point of reference. In practical terms, what do you think it means to set your mind on things above?

Some Practical Ideas for this Week

What are a few small ways that you can plant the seeds of the kingdom of God as you go through your daily life this week?