

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of September 20th 2015



Key Scriptures

Philippians 1:1–2 (ESV)

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV)

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Philippians 4:12–13 (ESV)

¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Discussion questions from this week's sermon

- 1;** Mike said on Sunday; "This church will never fulfil its *full* destiny until every single one of us functions in our gifting and calling."
 - 1.1;** What first comes to mind when we think of our own gifts? What are they?
 - 1.2;** What do other people see our gifts as?
 - 1.3;** How can our calling be related (or not related) to our gifts?

- 2;** In Philippians 1:1–2 Paul calls himself and Timothy "servants of Christ Jesus." In the western world we are taught a lot about our "personal relationship with Christ".
 - 2.1;** Servant often has negative connotations, in what way did Paul mean it?
 - 2.2;** How does this word "servant" challenge us?
 - 2.3;** What are the positives? Why would Paul label himself in such a way?

- 3;** Russel the week before spoke about doubt out of John 1:43-51. Often we put ourselves beneath others in what we think is achievable. When Jesus called his disciples we know that they were just 12 regular people.
 - 3.1;** Did Jesus ever doubt the disciples He chose?
 - 3.2;** Could He have chosen better?
 - 3.3;** In what ways did the disciples doubt themselves?
 - 3.4;** Be honest – what doubts do you have about your own gifts or calling?

- 4;** This week we prayed in Deacons at Oceanside.
 - 4.1;** Do you think God would ever call you into a position of leadership?
 - 4.2;** What do you think some of the perquisites would be for you before you would step into leadership?
 - 4.3;** Is leadership something that we are all called to or just some?

- 5;** In Hebrews 13:17 the writer says that leaders will have to give an account.
 - 5.1;** With that in mind – how does that challenge how we follow our leaders?

Take Home

- 1;** Since we know that Jesus never doubted or doubts those is has chosen what does that mean for us in relation to our gifts since God has chosen us?
- 2;** Last we learned through Russel's sermon that doubt is not the opposite of faith but that unbelief is. In this same context we may sometimes doubt in our own abilities but it is a lot harder to not believe in God's abilities. Philippians 4:13