

**Introduction to Philippians**  
**It's All About Jesus, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Eight Running Themes of Philippians**

1. The gospel is not individualistic: Christians are to \_\_\_\_\_ in rich fellowship with one another, and to be \_\_\_\_\_ together in service to promote the gospel.
2. Jesus is fully \_\_\_\_\_ and fully \_\_\_\_\_. Because of his suffering on the cross, he is now exalted as Lord and Christ.
3. Jesus Christ is the supreme example of loving and faithful service to God but \_\_\_\_\_ can also serve as role models in this regard.
4. The old covenant and observance of \_\_\_\_\_ cannot provide the necessary right standing with God. Believers can be saved only through \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Proper \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are critical for progress in the faith.
6. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual growth.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for maintaining a stable and joyful Christian life.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ will come. But through \_\_\_\_\_ it can be met with joy.

The general, “big picture”, theme of Philippians is \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith. And you will discover that this loving letter from Paul to his dear friends in Philippi is “All about \_\_\_\_\_”.

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Growth Group Discussion Questions**

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) What brings you the greatest comfort and encouragement spiritually?
- 2.) What sort of things most discourage you spiritually? How can you best fight spiritual discouragement? Hint: Refer to question #1.
- 3.) Review and discuss the 8 running themes of Philippians given by Pastor Mike. What verses do you most cherish in this list?
- 4.) Read over Philippians chapter one. What topics do you hope Pastor Mike focuses upon next Sunday and why?
- 5.) Read Philippians 4:11-13 and discuss the misconceptions many Christians get from verse 13. But what did Paul really mean?
- 6.) Do you have any questions or confusion concerning today's text? Discuss.