

the Language of Belief

ALLEGIANCE

WISDOM

RIGHTEDNESS

UNITY

Reclaiming the Words
that Shape our Faith.

MISSION
OF 4
COUNTRIES

JUSTICE

Life Group
Discussion
Guide

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Sermon Summary: This week, Pastor Tara Beth spoke about allegiance—an undivided loyalty and single-minded focus. It is a “yes” to Jesus so strong that it becomes a “no” to anything that might compete for our hearts and attention.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul identifies three rival allegiances that can still draw us away from Christ today: prioritizing comfort, finding our worth in personal accomplishments and success, and setting our minds on earthly things. In contrast, Paul reminds us, “But our citizenship is in heaven” (Philippians 3:20).

As Pastor Tara Beth explained, we are a colony of heaven, called to reflect our heavenly home in the way we live here on earth. This means remembering where we belong, living according to the values of God's kingdom, and representing our King—Jesus—to those around us. As followers of Christ, we are called to help make our earthly communities places where others can see and experience His love. This is the heart behind our prayer: “Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Conversation Starter: Are you someone who is usually easily focused or easily distracted? What seems to grab your attention the most lately?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of Your Word and for the light You give to our hearts. We ask that You would open our eyes to see Your truth and that we might learn from one another in this discussion. Amen

Read Scripture together: Philippians 3:20 - 21

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- Remembering where we belong: Philippians 3:20 reminds us that our citizenship is in heaven. How might remembering where our true citizenship lies change the way we approach everyday decisions and priorities?
- Reflecting on the values of God's kingdom, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." What is one way we can reflect the values of God's kingdom in our homes, workplaces, or relationships?
- Pastor Tara Beth described us living as a colony of heaven, called to represent our King in the world. What might others see in our words and actions that helps them recognize the character of Jesus?
- The sermon highlighted comfort, personal accomplishments, and earthly priorities as things that can compete with our allegiance to Christ. Which of these is easiest to overlook in your own life, and how might God be inviting you to respond?
- Paul considered his accomplishments as rubbish because knowing Jesus was so much more valuable. How have you experienced Jesus as more significant than something you valued?
- What does it mean for someone's mind to be set on earthly things, and how can we guard against that?
- What competes most with Jesus for your allegiance? What practical steps can help you make more time for Scripture and keep Christ at the center of your life?

Memory Verse: "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from there we await our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" -Philippians 3:20

Closing Prayer: Holy Spirit, guide our hearts and minds, Keep us ever mindful of Whose we are, where our citizenship is and where our allegiance should be. Help us to always be conscious of the forces that work to distract us. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.