"Living Examples"
(Philippians 3:17-21)

1. **A life lived for _____ _____ will always lead to _____ and _____.** (Philippians 3:19)

2. **When we see God's grace as a means to do _____ ____ _____, we have _____ the gift of God, and have _____ for a _____ _____.** (Philippians 3:18, Romans 6:15-16)

3. **Our hearts and our hopes should be fixed on the _____ and _____ Lord, who has already given us __ _____ that nothing on earth can _____ _____.** (Colossians 3:2-4, Philippians 3:20-21)

4. **Inviting others to watch you and learn from you is both _____ and _____, and demonstrates true _____.** (Philippians 3:17, I Corinthians 6:19b-20a)

5. **Our unwillingness to live as examples for others to imitate is _____ and _____ and is a sign of underlying _____.**

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1. **A life lived for <u>temporary</u> <u>pleasure</u> will always lead to <u>disappointment</u> and <u>destruction</u>.** (Philippians 3:19)

2. **When we see God's grace as a means to do <u>whatever</u> <u>we</u> <u>want</u>, we have <u>missed</u> the gift of God, and have <u>settled</u> for a <u>worthless</u> <u>counterfeit</u>.** (Philippians 3:18, Romans 6:15-16)

3. **Our hearts and our hopes should be fixed on the <u>resurrected</u> and <u>returning</u> Lord, who has already given us <u>a</u> <u>life</u> that nothing on earth can <u>offer</u> <u>us</u>.** (Colossians 3:2-4, Philippians 3:20-21)

4. **Inviting others to watch you and learn from you is both <u>loving</u> and <u>courageous</u>, and demonstrates true <u>humility</u>.** (Philippians 3:17, I Corinthians 6:19b-20a)

5. **Our unwillingness to live as examples for others to imitate is <u>selfish</u> and <u>cowardly</u> and is a sign of underlying <u>pride</u>.**

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Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Paul encouraged believers to imitate him and to pay attention to others who were following Christ faithfully. Who has been a meaningful example of Christlike living in your life, and what specifically have you learned from watching them?

2. Paul described those who are enemies of the cross as people whose minds are set on earthly things and whose primary concern is satisfying their own desires. What are some ways that we are tempted to live for temporary pleasures rather than eternal priorities? How do you guard against or counter those temptations when you encounter them?

3. The sermon emphasizes that God's grace is not a license to do whatever we want, but a gift that calls us into a new life in Christ. What are some ways that we might take God's grace for granted or use it as an excuse for disobedience?

4. Paul reminds us that our citizenship is in heaven. What does it mean to live as a citizen of heaven while navigating the responsibilities, pressures, and priorities of everyday life?

5. How should the reality of Christ's return and the promise of our future resurrection influence the way we handle present struggles, temptations, disappointments, and decisions? How often is that a factor in the way that you think about such things in your own life?

6. Inviting others to watch our lives and learn from our example is an act of love, courage, and humility. What are some of the reasons that we might hesitate to let others see our lives up close? What would it look like to become more intentional about being an example to others? What would it "cost" you?

7. If someone closely observed your life for a week, what might they learn about following Jesus from your priorities, attitudes, relationships, and choices? What is one area where you would like to become a more faithful example?