

For the last 11 weeks we have been talking about The Christ Pattern of Seeing, Feeling and Acting. I think Paul lays out what this way of life looks like in Philippians 2v5-11.

Read Philippians 2v5-11...

What do you see in this section of Paul's letter (a poem)?

What patterns do you see?

How does this section of Paul's letter shape the way in which you live your life?

How does this section shape the way in which we live our lives together as The Edgewater Community?

When Paul says, 'Even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.'

What do you hear in this statement?

Paul is writing this letter from Prison. He has no idea if he is going to live or die. And yet, he continues to write some pretty lofty words. Not only is he choosing to rejoice even though his present circumstances are not going well, and he invites his friends to rejoice with him in their suffering for Christ.

How do you go about rejoicing when life isn't going the way you would like?

What is Paul rejoicing in?

In the sermon we spoke about a person's public convictions; private convictions and core convictions.

What are the differences between these 3 convictions / beliefs?

How do they shape the way we go about living our lives?

What we are hearing in this letter is a man's core convictions

What are some of Paul's core convictions? Discuss this as a group

What is shaping Paul's core convictions?

How can we go about putting these core convictions into practice as a community?

What are some helpful ways to identify your core convictions?

Some things to think about this week.....

How can you go about identifying what your core convictions in life are?

Once you determine what your core convictions are; ask yourself.....

Where are my core convictions leading me in life?

How are they shaping the way in which I live, treat others, think about God, the world?

Do I see my life patterned after Philippians 2v5-11 (The Christ Patterns)

How can I go about making changes in my life that are more in line with my core convictions?

If you see unhealthy patterns in your life; what are the next steps that you can make in order to bring about some effective change?

Your story isn't over! Rejoice and be glad. God is with you!