

Sermon Discussion Questions for September 1, 2019

Where do we find our confidence? – Philippians 3-4 Key Verse – 4:13

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. What does the term “self-confidence” mean? Is it wrong to have “self-confidence”?
Read Philippians 3:3-6. Did Paul have reasons to be “self-confident”?
 3. How did Paul view his human (fleshly) accomplishments and status after he met Christ?
See 3:7-11. Should we be confident in our human accomplishments?
 4. A common phrase we hear is “Believe in yourself.” “Set your mind to it.” If these phrases and actions are void of a relationship with Christ, will anything of eternal significance be accomplished? Will there be true joy and satisfaction from a life focused on self-achievement and self-worth?
 5. What if we cut off verse 4:13 after “I can do all things...” According to Pastor Andrew, what are three alternatives that we sometimes place our confidence? (Appearance, Acquisitions, Accomplishments). Can we ever be satisfied in these three areas? See Timothy 6:17.
 6. American Sociologist Charles Cooley said, “Your self-concept is determined by what you think the most important person in your life thinks of you.” What does Jesus think of you? How did He demonstrate his love for you?
 7. Don't limit the statement “I can do all things.....” to a false confidence in self. Turn to Jesus. Are there limitations to this oft misquoted verse? Read 4:10-12. In context, what is Paul referencing when he speaks of doing all things through Christ who strengthens him? (dealing with any and all of life's difficulties and challenges). What/Who are you placing your confidence?
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

