



Vision Weekend | Resilient Kingdom Citizens | 08.20-21.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Our instant gratification and self-indulgent culture is compelling when we see it in a vacuum but doesn't **satisfy**. We are watching everything from our politics to our versions of success in family and career prove this again and again. There is no maturity with the resilience to endure difficult seasons and there is no **safety** in the citizenships of this world. We must lean into the power of our true citizenship in Heaven and the work that God wants to do in aligning our daily **priorities** with His eternal priorities.

» Opening (3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: When is the last time you were knocked down by something and were forced to slow down?
- Digging Deeper: In this next year, how do you think God would like to stretch you?

» Observation | Read Philippians 3:12-21 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | † > Me / † > Now (12 minutes)

- Is there a situation beyond your control that you are trying to influence or dominate?
- Is control an idol? Why or why not?

» Now Isn't Forever | Reread Philippians 3:12-16; 2 Corinthians 5:1-3; Matthew 6:19-21; Romans 8:18 (12 minutes)

- What defines satisfaction in this life? What defines satisfaction eternally? Which deserves more of our focus?
- How can an eternal perspective redefine our idea of treasure and discomfort?

» We Make Terrible Gods | Reread Philippians 3:17-19; 2 Corinthians 5:4,5; Matthew 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17 (12 minutes)

- Why does self-promotion stand in stark contrast to trusting God with our safety, identity, and adoption?
- What insecurities demonstrate a life rooted in this world?

» Our Kingdom Has a King | Reread Philippians 3:20,21; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Matthew 6:9-13; Romans 8:31-34 (12 minutes)

- What priorities demonstrate a life transformed by Christ?
- How and why can we be courageous citizens of heaven while exiled here? How does this promote resilience?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What steps do you need to take for your resilient citizenship to be the core of who you are in the chaos of our moment?
- Close by praying for one another to pursue a resilient faith that would benefit you and those closest to you in your life this year.