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Week 3
Family workshop
(Categorizing verses)

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REVIEW

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Week #1 assignment

1. Read the entire book of Philippians through at one sitting.
2. Listen to the book in one sitting.
3. Read the entire book through again with a yellow legal pad writing down your questions or observations about the book.
 - Anything that really speaks to you
 - Anything that doesn't make sense
 - Anything that gets you wondering

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Week 2: Create verse category chart

- Get a large sheet of paper in landscape mode
- Write verse categories across the top of the paper.
- List verse references and what they tell you about that category under each column.

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Verse categories list

- 1 • Author
 - Recipients
 - Other characters
 - Where written
 - End times (eschatology)
 - Date of writing
 - Doctrines / teaching
 - Church (ecclesiology)
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- 2 • Problems / reason for writing
 - Commands / exhortations
 - Promises & conditions
 - Christ
 - God the Father
 - The Holy Spirit
 - Add your own (e.g. stewardship, parenting)
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List verses and truths under each category

- Feel free to add your own categories (e.g. money, stewardship, family, parenting, etc.).
- This will require some time, so do a little each day (e.g. a chapter per day).

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Example: Chart

- Use wide butcher paper or just lots of sheets of legal paper

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Example: Chart (2)

- Can use front and back
- Great family devotional project with children

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Playing detective

- A detective arrives at a crime scene
 1. Photographer takes pictures of crime scene before anyone touches anything.
 2. Creates grid of photographed area referencing columns and rows (e.g. A1, A2, B1, B2, etc.)
 3. Carefully bag each item of evidence and reference in what grid square it was found.

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Back at the lab

- The detective can now reconstruct the crime scene in a controlled environment
- At some point, a report of the investigation is written discussing the evidence and indicating the probable sequence of events based on the evidence

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What you are doing

- You are looking at each individual verse for evidence:
 - Who wrote it?
 - To whom was it written?
 - Why did he write it? What was the problem?
 - When did this happen?
 - Who else was involved?
 - What does this say about Christ? Or?

13  **What you are doing (2)**

- After you finish categorizing and listing the evidence, you're going to put together a "report" that explains the BIG PICTURE of what this book is about and why it is in the Bible
 - Understanding the BIG PICTURE of a book is essential to gaining an understanding of individual paragraphs and verses in the book

14  **A FAMILY WALK-THRU**

15  **Philippians 1:1**

16  **Philippians 1:3-4**

17  **Philippians 1:5**

18  **Philippians 1:6**

19  **Philippians 1:7**

20  **Philippians 1:8**

21  **Philippians 1:9**

- "Super-abundant"
- "knowledge" = intimacy
- Understanding / discernment = Knowing and choosing God's best

22  **Philippians 1:10**

23  **Philippians 1:11**

24  **Philippians 1:12**

25  **Philippians 1:13**

26  **Philippians 1:14**

27  **HOW TO PRAY FOR OTHERS**

Philippians 1:9-11

28  **How to pray for others**

- Pray that God will help them grow in love
 - For Christ – to keep the first and greatest commandment
 - For one another – to reflect Christ's love for us; this is how others know we are disciples
- So that they would experience INTIMACY with Christ (*epignosis*)
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29  **How to pray for others (2)**

- So that as they draw close to Christ, they understand His ways (the principles of God's Word)
- So that they would then choose God's best and eliminate the dross from their lives
 - Required discernment to choose between "good" and God's best

30  **How to pray for others (3)**

- As they choose God's best more and more consistently, all evidence of hypocrisy would disappear from their lives
- And keep them faithful that they would be filled with the fruit of righteousness
- That they would finish life well bringing praise and glory to God with their lives.

31  **LIVE WORKSHOP**

Philippians 1:15-30

32  **So for next week:**

- Keep working on your category charts
- Strive to do at least 1/2 of a chapter each day between now and next Sunday
- You will only learn how to study God's Word by DOING!
 - James 1:22--*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*