



DISCUSSION GUIDE

"Living Between Two Homes"

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever traveled to a culture other than the one you were raised in?
What were some of the norms in those places that you had to get used to?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?
What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?
Is the concept of living between two homes something that you've heard of before, or is the concept rather new to you?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Philippians 3:15-21]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however, good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts: who, what, when, and where in the text.) Work through this quickly, the answers are fairly obvious.

What are the challenges of growing to maturity in Christ as referenced in v 15?
What are some of the things that Paul might be referring to, in telling us 'to live up to *what we have already attained*'? v 16
Who are some of the people that you look to as examples of Christian maturity? v 17
What is it that brings Paul to tears? v 18-19
Those of us in Christ have our citizenship in heaven. v 20-21
 What are the privileges of this citizenship?
 What are the responsibilities of this citizenship?

QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

Can you share a viewpoint that you once held, that has been changed as you have grown in Christ?
 How did God bring you to the new belief or understanding?
What are practical ways to set our minds on heavenly or eternal things, as opposed to earthly things?
 What are the benefits of doing so?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in these passages?
Is there a part, or parts, of your life that you've not brought into line with God's kingdom and His way of living or thinking?

How can we pray for each other?