

“Citizenship”

1 Samuel 8: 4-9

Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1

- Re-read the Scriptures.
- When have you asked or told people to imitate your actions?
 - How did you do?
 - How did those following your example do?
- In what circumstances do you shine?
 - What circumstances make it difficult for you to succeed?
- JD talked about circumstances in our lives... He talked about Paul and how his circumstances changed sometimes for the better but usually for the worse. Paul kept talking about how great Christ is! He talked about knowing Christ and identifying with Him. How, if we know Him, we shouldn't be concerned about external influences or how our circumstances change.
 - How has knowing Christ changed you?
 - How has it changed your context in all the circumstances of your life?
- Paul talked about how we're "graced... mercied... loved" out of our sin and our old context.
 - How have you felt that in your life?
 - How does that make you feel?
 - How can you help others to experience those feelings as their lives change and grow in Christ?
- Samuel was told that the people were not rejecting him, but the people of Israel were rejecting God!
 - In what ways do you think we reject God?
 - How do you do it?
 - How does God show you that His better than any of the things we chase after?
 - Like JD, do you exhaust all other options before you realize your best option is God?
- Do we live like citizens of God's Kingdom?
 - How do others see that in you?
 - How can we help each other to live so that we can be known as citizens of the Kingdom of God?
- How will you let your citizenship define you in all circumstances?