



**Lesson Eleven: Citizens of Heaven**  
**Philippians 3:12-21**  
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<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

## Discussion Questions:

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1. What goals do you have for your life? What are you living for? Where did these goals come from?
2. What does it mean to be “in Christ.” How does our union with Christ shape the entirety of lives as Christians?
3. Who in your life do you imitate the most? Is there anyone in your life that points you to Jesus?
4. Read Philippians 3:18-19. What led many to walk as “enemies of the cross of Christ”? How is this a warning for us?
5. What does it mean to be a citizen of Heaven? How does this heavenly citizenship influence the way we live today?



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