



Philippians

Better Than Myself

*Summer sermon series for Trinity Youth
June-August 2026*

Calendar

1. Jun 3, 2026
 - a. 1:1-11
 - b. **My thoughts:** Verse 11 the fruit of your salvation is the righteous character produced in your life BY Jesus Christ
 - c. **Discussion question:** Where is your fruit?
 - i. Look at your Character

2. Jun 10, 2026 **Sub**
 - a. 1:12-18
 - b. **Thoughts:** What people do can't hurt you when you know your why.
 - c. **Question:** Why do you come to church?

3. Jun 17, 2026
 - a. 1:19-26
 - b. **Thoughts:** What's the worst that can happen? You die? Big woop
 - c. **Question:** What fears do you have that keep you from talking about Jesus?

4. Jun 24, 2026
 - a. 1:27-30
 - b. **Thoughts:** One spirit and one purpose
 - c. **Question:** What is the benefits to being one spirit and purpose? What does that mean?

5. Jul 1, 2026 **Sub**
 - a. 2:1-5
 - b. **Thoughts:** How to be one spirit.
 - c. **Question:** How can you count others as more significant than yourself?

6. Jul 15, 2026 **sub**
 - a. 2:5-18
 - b. **Thoughts:** Great christology. Really dig into, Who is Jesus Christ?
 - c. **Question:** So what? Work to show the results of your salvation

7. Jul 22, 2026 **sub**
 - a. 2:19-30
 - b. **Thoughts:**
 - c. **Question:** What does this tell us about Paul and the early church?
 - i. Culture of honor.

8. Jul 29, 2026 sub
 - a. 3:1-11
 - b.
 - c. **Question:** What is the value of knowledge of Christ?

9. Aug 5, 2026
 - a. 3:12-21
 - b.
 - c. **Question:** What do you have pride in that is of earth?

10. Aug 12, 2026
 - a. 4:1-7
 - b.
 - c. **Question:** When you pray for what you need what will happen?
 - i. God will give you peace. V. 7

11. Aug 19, 2026
 - a. 4:8-14
 - b. **Thoughts:** If you put into practice all you learn the God of Peace will be with you.
 - c. **Question:**

12. Aug 26, 2026
 - a. 4:15-23
 - b. Missions night, Paul was a missionary. We support missionaries because of his model.

Flow of service

7-7:30

Arrival and hang out

7:30-8:00

Welcome, announcements

Group game

8:00-8:30

Distribute Bibles

Bible study

Bible Study Structure

1. Hand out Bibles. The same translation helps with confusion during reading.
2. Quick review from last week.
 - a. Get students to give summary
3. Explain what is going to happen.
 - a. "We will read"
 - b. "Go around the room and each read a verse"
 - c. "When we are done we will answer 3 questions"
 - i. What is the author's purpose?
 - ii. What does this teach us about God?
 - iii. What does this teach us about ourselves?"
4. Quick prayer over reading
5. Read
 - a. Go in a circle to read verse for verse
6. Remind them of questions
 - a. What is the author's purpose?
 - b. What does this teach us about God?
 - c. What does this teach us about ourselves?
7. Discuss

Notes for Discussion Leaders:

Sound hermeneutics refers to the reliable, objective, and accurate principles used to interpret a text.

How to practice them. Read the text and ask good questions.

Many people want to add their own personal take or interpretation on what the text is saying. Listen, but always bring the conversation back to our questions. Our personal insights MAY lead us to what God wants to say to us now, but sound hermeneutical questions are designed to lead us to what God meant when he originally inspired the words. It is our duty as ministers of God's word to protect HIS people from personal insights that do not align with what God originally meant for us to learn. Take this seriously and you will not quench the voice of the Holy Spirit in our discussions. *Ex. What did this mean to the original audience? What did the author intend? What does it tell us about God? What does this tell us about ourselves?*