

“LIVING IN BETWEEN”
Philippians 3:12-21

I. **LOOKING BEYOND THEN AND NOW** **12-19**

II. **LIVING BETWEEN NOW AND THEN** **20-21**

A. Remember the _____ of the Kingdom.

B. Reproduce _____ for the Kingdom.

C. Represent the _____ of the Kingdom.

● Compassion for the _____

● Compassion for _____

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2009 CHURCH-WIDE GOAL:
That as a Family of Believers, we commit to:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you assess your involvement in last year’s goal to **READ THE STORY AND TELL THE STORY**? What kinds of life-change resulted from your involvement?
2. Review Philippians 3:20-21. How do these verses help explain **“FIXING OUR EYES ON ETERNITY”**? How can focusing on the imminent return of Christ impact your time-investment choices?
3. As a Roman colony, the city of Philippi was to reflect the Roman way of life to the people of Macedonia. As citizens of heaven, how can we reflect to this world the way of life of the next world?
4. How do you think we as a church could involve ourselves in community compassion? Use Matthew 9:35-38 to pray that God would give you eyes to see compassion needs in our community.

I. LOOKING BEYOND THEN AND NOW

A. Maturity is Progressive.

B. Maturity is Pressing On.

II. LIVING BETWEEN NOW AND THEN

- A. Remember the Coming of the Kingdom.
- B. Reproduce Citizens for the Kingdom.
- C. Represent the Culture of the Kingdom.

“Just as Philippi was a colony of Rome, whose citizens thereby exemplified the life of Rome in the province of Macedonia, so the citizens of the ‘Heavenly Commonwealth’ were to function as a colony of heaven in that outpost of Rome.”

Dr. Gordon Fee



“Our calling is to show the citizens of these earthly and temporal countries that there is a far better, eternal country. In the words of C.S. Lewis, we are to point out to those who live in the Shadowlands that there is a real world to come. But we are to do more than that. We best point the way to the world to come when we offer glimpses of that world in this one.”

Stephen J. Nichols



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A CULTURE OF COMPASSION

Compassion for the Oppressed.

Compassion for Orphans.

Compassion for Outsiders.

“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next.”

C.S. Lewis



2009 Church-Wide Goal

That as a Family of Believers,
We Commit to Fix Our Eyes
on Eternity and Our Lives on
the Community.



LOOKING TO
ETERNITY



LIVING FOR THE
COMMUNITY

FOUR NIGHTS LOOKING AT GOD'S HEART
OF COMPASSION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

ECO9NIGHT

SUNDAY NIGHTS FROM 5:30-7:30PM
\$6/PERSON (INCLUDES DEVOTIONAL: LIVING IN BETWEEN)

FOR THOSE NOT CURRENTLY IN A REALIFE GROUP

JANUARY 25

FEBRUARY 8

FEBRUARY 15

FEBRUARY 22