

# philippians bible study

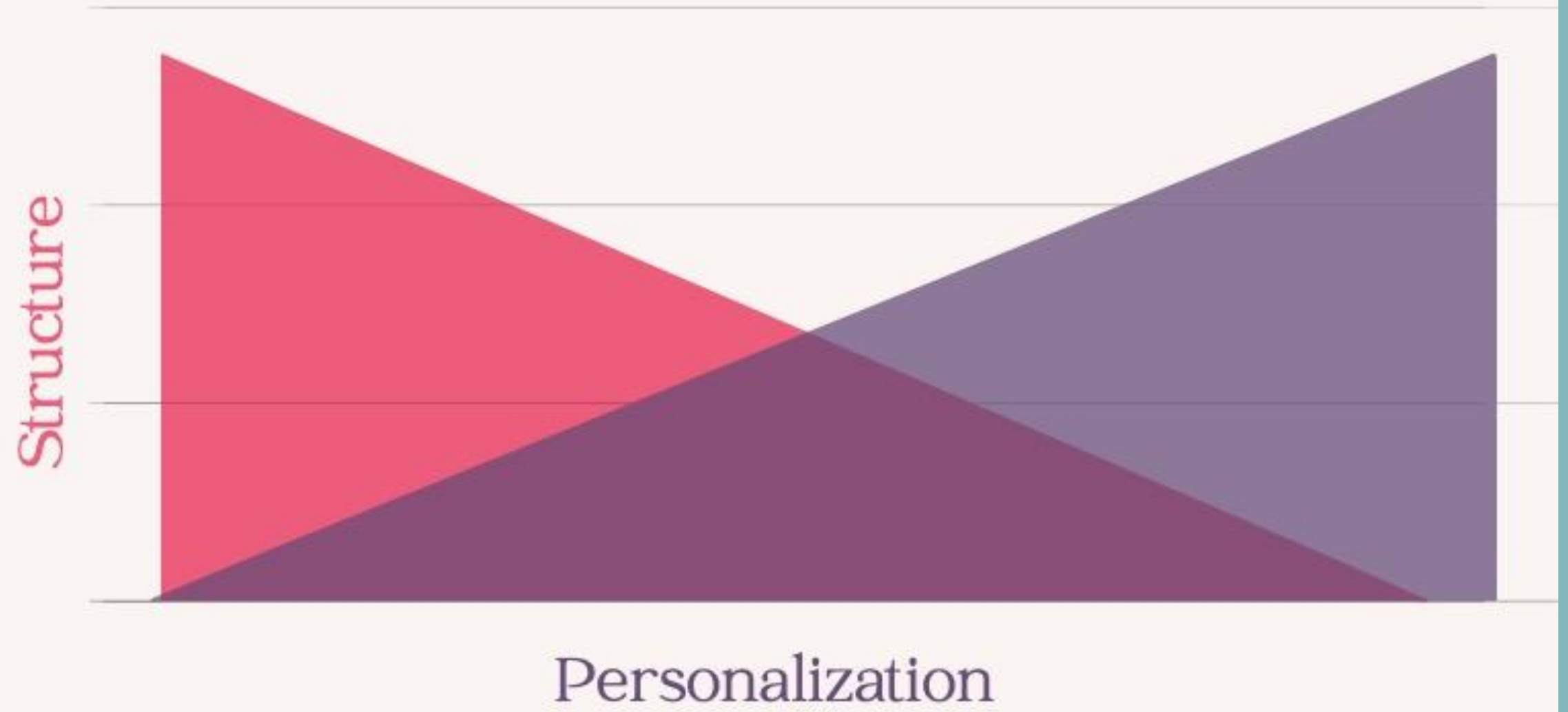


# questions

What is something God is teaching you through your study of philippians? (about Himself, you, His world?).

How have you grown in your knowledge of God this past few weeks?





# Review - SOAR

Survey (Context/ Overview)

Observation

Analysis - Interpretation

Response - Application

# Review Figurative Language and Literary Devices

# to Interpret

Language Barriers

Cultural Barriers

Literary Barriers

Communication Barriers

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- Multiple Translations
- Greek verb tense and definitions
  - Cross-references
  - Commentaries

# Philippians 3:1

**Phil. 3:1** Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

Inflected:	<a href="#"><u>χαίρετε</u></a>
Root:	χαίρω chairō
Strong's:	<a href="#"><u>G5463</u></a>
English:	rejoice
Code:	V-PAM-2P
Long:	Verb - Present Active Imperative - 2nd Person Plural
Speech:	<u>Verb</u>
Tense:	<u>Present (action that is continuing)</u>
Voice:	<u>Active (subject produces the action)</u>
Mood:	<u>Imperative (command or entreaty)</u>
Person:	<u>2nd Person (you plural)</u>
Number:	<u>Plural</u>



# Word study on rejoicing

What do you learn about **reasons to rejoice**,  
**what to rejoice in**, etc. from reading these?

What new insights do you gain?

How can we rejoice in the Lord, like Paul, even  
in hard circumstances?

# Philippians 3

**Phil. 3:1** Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

**Phil. 3:2** Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

# Philippians 3

<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

# Analyzing Phil 3:7-8

**Philippians 3:7** But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

Using the tools we have learned so far,  
spend some time with this passage.

Remember context (survey), Make  
observations and ask questions,

Diagramming, defining words,

cross-referencing etc

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# Verb Parsing

Phil 3:7-8. But whatever gain I **had** G1510 εἰμίεμι V-IAI-3S (3<sup>rd</sup> person imperfect action-continuous, usually in the past, active-subject does action, indicative-statement of fact),

I **counted** G2233 ἡγέομαι hēgeomai V-RMI-1S (verb- 1<sup>st</sup> person singular, perfect- punctiliar (occurs at a moment in time) action in the past with the results that continue into the present, middle (subject initiates the action) indicative as loss for the sake of Christ.

Indeed, I **count** hēgeomai (V-PMI-1S) Present (continuous action) Middle Indicative

everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I **have suffered the loss** (V-API-1S – verb aorist (punctiliar action-usually the past, but can be past present or future) passive (indicates the subject is acted upon)

of all things and **count them** (V-PMI-1S) Present Middle (the subject initiates the action and participates in the results of the action) Indicative

as rubbish, in order that I **may gain** (V-AAS-1S) Aorist Active Subjunctive (an action which may or should happen but which is not necessarily true at the present, from the speaker's point of view. Expresses conditional or uncertain actions-1S) Christ...

# Consulting commentaries

Have people at your table each read a commentary on the passage (I have provided 6 per table but also feel free to look online). What new insights do verb parsing and commentaries give to your understanding of this passage?

Discuss any new insights you have.

What does this passage mean to you? What response does this stir in your heart/life?

# Philippians 3:7-8

But

Whatever gain I had,

I counted as loss

For the sake of Christ.

Indeed,

I count everything as loss

Because of the surpassing worth of knowing

Christ Jesus

My Lord.

For his sake

I have suffered the loss of all things

And

Count them as rubbish,

In order that I may gain Christ



# Philippians 3

<sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

# Join us for Lunch!



Register for a box lunch from Honey Baked Ham and enjoy fellowship after our last meeting, March 29. Your price is \$5 and we will pay the rest and provide drinks.

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# Next Week

- Philippians 3:12-4:1. Use all the tools you have learned so far in studying the text
- We will be talking about Response/Application
  - Childcare pickup is by 11:45

## Optional Resources:

Literarily – How Understanding Bible Genres Transforms

Bible Study – Kristie Anyabwile

Old Testament (Tremper Longman) and New Testament

Commentary Survey (D.A. Carson)

Living by the Book - Howard Hendricks

How to Study Your Bible - Kay Arthur

# questions

What did you learn about rejoicing? How can we rejoice even in hard circumstances?

What did God teach you today through spending time in His Word?

How would God call you to respond to what you are learning? What difference does this truth make in your life?

