

# 9-17-25 Wed Bible Study Phil

## Transcript

Pastor Dow Boyer led a Bible study on Philippians, emphasizing the importance of understanding the historical context. He discussed the significance of Paul's Roman citizenship, referencing Acts 22:25-28. The study highlighted the progress of the Philippians church over 10 years, from a small group to a church with established leadership. Boyer explained the roles of bishops and deacons, citing Titus 1:5-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13. He emphasized the themes of grace, peace, and joy, despite Paul's imprisonment. The session concluded with a prayer and a discussion on the relevance of these themes to modern believers.

## Action Items

- [ ] Review the differences between the "kingdom message" and the "body of Christ" message.
- [ ] Prepare a summary on the background and role of Luke in the early church.
- [ ] Compare the phrases used in Matthew 24 and 1 Corinthians 13, 15 regarding the end times.

## Outline

### Introduction and Background Information

- Pastor Dow Boyer welcomes everyone and mentions the recent Answers in Genesis sessions, noting the high attendance.
- He explains that this is the second week of the study and they will focus on Philippians, though they may not cover much tonight.
- Pastor Dow Boyer shares a praise about a \$5,500 pledge towards a new air conditioner, with a goal of \$8,700.
- He prays for the group, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to study the Bible together and asking for blessings for the participants.

### Exploring Paul's Roman Citizenship

- Pastor Dow Boyer discusses the question of Paul's Roman citizenship, referencing Acts 22:25-28.
- He explains that Paul's Roman citizenship likely came from Tarsus, where there was a connection to the Romans.
- The discussion includes the significance of Paul's citizenship and the lack of clear evidence beyond what is already known.
- Pastor Dow Boyer emphasizes the importance of understanding historical context and how it relates to the study of Philippians.

## **Timeline and Historical Context of Philippians**

- Pastor Dow Boyer begins the study of Philippians, starting with 1:1-4.
- He explains the timeline between Acts 16 and Philippians, noting the visit to Philippi and the subsequent events.
- The discussion includes the significance of the Roman imprisonment and the time period between Paul's visits to Philippi.
- Pastor Dow Boyer highlights the progress of the Philippians church over 10 years, from a small group to a church with established leadership.

## **Understanding the Role of Timothy and the Church Leadership**

- Pastor Dow Boyer discusses the significance of Timothy, noting his youth and his role in supporting Paul.
- He explains the meaning of the word "servant" (doulos) and its deeper implications in the context of Paul's apostleship.
- The discussion includes the recognition of church leadership, with bishops and deacons being mentioned in Philippians 1:1.
- Pastor Dow Boyer emphasizes the importance of understanding the qualifications and roles of bishops and deacons in the early church.

## **Grace, Peace, and Joy in Philippians**

- Pastor Dow Boyer explains the significance of the phrase "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ" in Philippians 1:2.
- He discusses the concept of grace, peace, and mercy, and their importance in the context of the pastoral epistles.
- The discussion includes the importance of thanksgiving and prayer in Paul's letters, as well as the theme of joy.
- Pastor Dow Boyer highlights the relevance of Philippians to modern believers, emphasizing the importance of joy in the face of suffering.

## **Questions and Insights from Participants**

- Participants ask questions about the nature of the church in Philippi, the kingdom message, and the role of Luke.
- Pastor Dow Boyer provides detailed answers, referencing various scriptures and historical context.
- The discussion includes the progression of Paul's revelation and the significance of the early church's development.
- Participants express their appreciation for the study and the insights gained, with some requesting more information on specific topics.

## **Conclusion and Future Plans**

- Pastor Dow Boyer summarizes the key points of the study, emphasizing the importance of understanding the historical and doctrinal context of Philippians.
- He announces plans to provide more detailed information on Luke and the kingdom message in the next session.
- The session concludes with a prayer, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to study the Bible together and asking for continued blessings.