Potential Discussion Questions Message: Engage JOY, Pt 22 (9-17-17) Pick Who You Follow (Phil. 3:17-4:1)

- 1. Who was your "hero," as a kid? Who is someone you can now follow that follows Jesus? What is their greatest impact upon you?
- 2. What comes to your mind when you think of "enemies of the cross"? How does that compare or contrast with what Paul develops in these verses?
- 3. What do you observe about the terms Paul chooses to describe these enemies of the cross? How do you see these descriptions reflected in our world?
- 4. How does the idea of saying to others, "follow my example," strike you? What do you feel you most have to offer? What makes you question that you would want to?
- 5. If younger people and/or younger believers can't follow us, what message are we sending them? Does this call us to make any adjustments in our thinking or living? What? Is there a person God puts on your heart to invite into a "follow me" relationship?
- 6. Paul gives 3 ways that help us stand firm in this text. How do you see them giving stability and security to believers? Which makes the biggest difference to you right now? Why?
- 7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58. What stands out to you most about the resurrection and our physical bodies? How does he summarize and apply the impact in vs 57-58?
- 8. What are the implications for you that you will have a new body? How do you think about this differently than you did in your 20's or 30's?
- 9. When you think of being <u>like</u> Jesus in body, what comes to mind? What does this indicate to us about what eternity will be like? What other Scripture helps our understanding?
- 10. What is your best take-away from this study?
- 11. How would you like others to pray for you in regard to this text?