

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

REFRAME: WEEK 1

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Has there ever been a time in your life when your perspective on a situation, circumstance, or a person changed? What caused you to reframe your perspective in that area? Why is it sometimes difficult for us to change the way we see or think about things?

Read Philippians 1:1-11. How would you characterize Paul's words in this passage? What themes/tone does he write with as he begins this letter to the church in Philippi? Given that Paul was in prison at this point in time, does the opening of this letter surprise you? Why or why not? If you were in Paul's situation, how would you have started this letter?

What confidence does it give us to know that God began, continues, and will complete the work in us? What does this show us about how completely He wants to transform us? What does it teach us about His graciousness at every level of our salvation? How does this change the way we pursue His holiness and His Kingdom?

Which comes most naturally to you – complaining or gratitude? Why do you think you more naturally gravitate to that place? How can gratitude improve your relationships with others? How can it improve your relationship with God? What one way you can build gratitude into your daily rhythms?

How would you define the mission of the church? How does your life fit into that mission? Think of one person in your family/community/office who doesn't know Jesus. What are some ways God might use you to bring them to Christ (even something as simple as committing to praying for them)?

Would you say your relationship with God is built more on emotion or on knowledge? Why are both necessary in our relationship with Him? What are some Scripture passages that help you keep focus in times of difficulty and trouble? How can we encourage one another with those same words?