



This Week's Icebreaker Questions:

- How old were you when you got your first traffic ticket?
- How many have you received since then?
- Who is the safest driver in your family?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. We see in Philippians 1:27 & 3:30 that we are first and foremost citizens of Heaven. How does this impact the way you live your life as a citizen of America? Jesus talks about how our earthly citizenship correlates to our heavenly citizenship in Matthew 22:21. How does your civic duty align with your relationship with Christ? How does it differ?
2. Philippians 1:27-28 shows us that we are to stand firm and take ground with courage as a citizen of Heaven. What helps you stand firm and keep striving when life gets frightening? "Standing firm in one spirit and one mind, striving side by side" is a powerful way to describe a unified church. Why must unity be a priority for every believer? What impact does this unity have on the world around us?
3. In reading Philippians 1:28-30, we see that confidence fills the hearts of citizens of Heaven because God is at work through their life. What are some current things God is working out in your life that you can point toward?
4. Along with Philippians 1:28-30, read 2 Timothy 3:12, John 16:33, Philippians 1:12-13 and discuss how we can change our perspective on the hardships we face in life. Knowing that these hardships are given to us as gifts, how can we fix our mindset about the battles we fight in life? What are some practical ways that can help us grow our confidence in the Lord, no matter the hardships we may be facing?
5. What is a way that you can maintain your joy this week in your life at work and/or home? How can you help other people maintain *their* joy? What does it mean (or how can you be) a "billboard of joy?" Who can you share what God is doing in your life with this week?