Where do I Belong?
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Into the Lesson:

With the overriding theme of "unity" in mind, review some of the key verses or passages supporting or hindering that idea so far in this series, according to the FUV (Ferris Underlined Version).

Philippians 1:6-
Philippians 1:27-
Philippians 2:5-11-
Philippians 2:15-17-
Philippians 3:1-4-
Philippians 3:7-8-

Into the Word:

Reread Philippians 3:17-4:1 and respond to Lane's comment that the "key verse" is vv. 20-21.

But how important is that "incredible contrast" between these verses and vv.18-19?

How do the phrases, "dramatic terminology" and "eternal significance" echo this contrast?

How is this further evidence of the "deep relationship" Paul has with the Philippians?

How reassuring would Paul's words in 3:12 have been to the Philippian church that he doesn't consider himself some kind of "super Christian"?

Looking back on previous sermons, the subtitle (not inspired text) of my Ryrie Study Bible describes Philippians 3:1-4 as a "Warning Against Judaizers". How does v.2 give an indication of Paul's strong feelings on this subject?

How is this reinforced in vv.18-19?

How does James 1:19-25 provide a practical guide for freedom in Christ?

Into Life:

Respond to Lane's comment, "…all of us *and those around us*, need to see the Gospel lived out in flesh and blood".

Reread Matthew 7:14-21 and comment on Lane's declaration, "these are tough words, especially for us in this age of tolerance".

How do we develop a burden for those whose "destiny is destruction"?

How freeing could it be to realize we are "meant to be peculiar" (which comes naturally for some of us)?

How would that "peculiarity" look in our day-to-day encounters?

How we talk to people-
Those we encounter on a daily basis-
How we interact with that knucklehead that cut us off (he's probably from Florida)-

Does it bother you that Lane referenced two British Invasion groups and couldn't include that he was "picking up good vibrations"?

How would our lives look if we lived each day with an awareness and anticipation that we are "Living a Resurrected Life"?

Where do You Belong?

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ
- Philippians 3:20