### FALL 2014 CAMPAIGN - Theme: Get Real. A Study of the Book of Philippians.

### Key Outcomes:

### -Familiarity with How to Study the Bible (Biblical Literacy)

### -Engaging an entire book of the Bible to understand genre, historical setting, meaning, application to present day life

### -A study that is beneficial for both new and mature believers.

### -create an environment where people are looking at God’s Word together with the Spirit leading the way

### Possible Setup – not sure yet

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| *9/7* | *CONNECT* |  |  |
| *9/14* | *GROW -* | *Push Life Groups Sign ups* |  |
| *9/21* | *SHARE -* |  |  |

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| **DATE** | **TOPIC** | **Life Group Study Scripture** | **SCRIPTURE(s) for Worship/Sunday** | **notes** |
| 09/28 | **Introduction/Background** leading to…  **Real Community**  The Good Work Within You (you is plural) | Philippians 1:1-11 | **OT**: Acts 16:11-15, 16-34  **NT**: Philippians 1:1-11  **Gospel**: | Teacher:  Testimony: |
| 10/5 | **Real Life**  Living and Dying for Christ! | Philippians 1:12-30 | **OT**:  **NT**: Philippians 1:12-30  **Gospel**: | Teacher:  Testimony: |
| 10/12 | **Real Ambition**  Unity through Humility | Philippians: 2:1-11 | **OT**:  **NT**: Philippians: 2:1-2:11  **Gospel:** | Teacher:  Testimony: |
| 10/19 | **Real Work**  Working Out Your Faith | Philippians 2:12-30 | **OT**:  **NT**: Philippians 2:12-30  **Gospel**: | Teacher:  Testimony: |
| 10/26 | **Real Confidence** (or Real Power)  It’s Not about Me!  -Not my own Righteousness  *(REFORMATION SUNDAY* ) | Philippians 3:1-11 | **OT**: Rev. 14:6–7 (Psalm 46)  **NT**: Philippians 3:1-11  **Gospel**: John 8:31–36 *or*  Matt. 11:12–19 | Teacher:  Testimony: |
| 11/02 | **Real Winning**  The Prize; Heavenward; Heavenly Citizenship; Your Name is written in the Book of Life  (*ALL SAINTS DAY*) | Philippians 3:12-4:3 | **OT**: Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17  **NT**: Philippians 3:12-4:3  **Gospel**: Matthew 5:1-12 | Teacher:  Testimony: |
| *11/09* | **Real Joy**  Real Joy is found in his peace, his strength, his truth, contentment and generosity | Philippians 4:4-23 | **OT**:  **NT**: Philippians 4:4-23  **Gospel**: | Teacher:  Testimony: |

**Fall 2014 Life Group Launch Philippians: Get Real.**

**Theme Verse:**

**Summary:** Our culture craves authenticity. We have an opportunity to Get Real and talk about the real issues that people think about but with God’s spin/truth on it: Community, Life, Ambition, Work, Confidence, Winning, Joy!

The Following is a guide for the teaching on the Videos. There is freedom here but this is a starting point with basic theme.

1. **Introduction/Background leading into REAL COMMUNITY** –
   1. Text: Philippians 1:1-11
   2. Teacher Focus: Focus is on 1:6 “the good work in you” – you is plural and will talk about how the REAL “YOU” is plural not singular – God does a good work in us as a community – and then will tie in all the communal stuff in this text
   3. Testimony: (?.) Someone who can talk about the importance of being in a community of believers where God is doing a good work. A life Group or someone at St. John’s who has really seen God’s work in our church. (I wonder if Sara Doyle or someone from her group would be willing)
2. **REAL LIFE** –
   1. Text: Philippians 1:12-30
   2. Teacher Focus: 1:21 – “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Possible to contrast what the world says real life is all about with what Paul is talking about. To live is Christ. Which is to Live for others! To live means to see the gospel advance even if in prison, Christ is preached, and Paul realizes living is necessary for the Philippians for their progress and joy in faith.
   3. Testimony: (?.) Someone who can talk about the goal of life is living for Christ and bringing Christ to others! Period.
3. **REAL AMBITION** –
   1. Text: Philippians 2:1-11
   2. Teacher Focus: Our world focuses on ambition to climb the ladder, Drive. What about an ambition that seeks unity through humility? – can spin off “selfish ambition” in verse 3. Of course the great gospel move is to see Christ’s humility for us… to unite us with him! 2:1. We in turn can have that same ambition!
   3. Testimony: (?.) This could be a testimony from someone who has encountered another Christian who lives out this unity through humility. I think it might be hard to have testimony of someone saying how humble they are ☺
4. **REAL WORK** –
   1. Text: Philippians 2:12-30
   2. Teacher Focus: IN a world where we focus so much on career/work to the point of idolatry even. Can spin that and talk about continuing “to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.” But really bring it back to 2:13 – “it is GOD who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” Its not so much about our jobs, careers, work – but about God’s work through us – and us working out our salvation with fear and trembling. Might be able to touch on Timothy and the “work of the Gospel” 2:22. And Epaphroditus “he almost died for the work of Christ” 2:30.
   3. Testimony: (?.) would be great to find someone who worshipped their Job/career so much and then had a life change and saw the greater work of God in their life and God’s work in the World.
5. **REAL CONFIDENCE** –
   1. Text: Philippians 3:1-11
   2. Teacher Focus: (or Real Power – but “confidence” might play with people better). It’s not about me. Not my own righteousness. The message in the World is that you have to have self-esteem and self confidence to move forward and accomplish and be somebody. Even the religions of the World do this spiritually. Knowing Christ is the source of confidence – confidence in the righteousness from God.
   3. Testimony: (?.) would be great to find someone who based their identity and faith on their own spiritual achievements or any achievements or standing beside Christ and then came to realize the Gospel.
6. **REAL WINNING** –
   1. Text: Philippians 3:12-4:3
   2. Teacher Focus: 3:14 – “to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” there is a chance to contrast a mind set on “earthly things” 3:19 and “citizenship in heaven” 3:20. And transformation of our bodies 3:21. Ultimately this drives our mission here and defines a “win” as getting more citizens of heaven!
   3. Testimony: (?.) Might be nice to get a testimony from someone who has wrestled with death and knows the promise of the resurrection and how that has sustained them here and now – would be nice to find someone who that reality has also driven them to mission.
7. **REAL JOY** –
   1. Text: Philippians 4:4-23
   2. Teacher Focus: “rejoice in the lord always. I will say it again. Rejoice.” Real Joy is found in the peace of God, the Strength of God, and a life of Generosity toward one another! There is a lot of stuff happening in this section. Some closure will be here. I may tie the previous 6 “REAL”s into the REAL JOY.
   3. Testimony: (?.) Is there someone we know that is always filled with Joy because of their faith? Who demonstrates the ability to rejoice (be content) in any circumstance. Joyce Scott would have been great. RIP.

**2014 Fall Life Group Campaign**

**Format of Video Teachings:**

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| **Section** | **Length** | **Person** | **Setting** |
| Introduction | 2-3 Min. | Actor | ? |
| Teaching | 4 Min. | Teacher | TBD |
| Testimony | 1-2 Min. | Lay Member | On location? |
| Teaching | 4 Min. | Teacher | TBD |
| Conclusion | 1 Min. | Actor | ? |

Format of Writing:

1. Teacher will write 8-10 minute teaching (with an eye to where a testimony will go).
2. Testimony people will write off of Teaching/Expert material
3. “Actor” will do introductions/conclusions –