



Pastor Toby Locke - Week 2
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Debrief Plan: 1/14/2018

My Prayer For You

(Philippians 1:9-11)

Introduction: When you pray for people, what do you pray for?

5 Truths the Philippians (and WE) Need to Know

There is a Final Exam Coming.

Not Everyone will Pass the Test.

Your Choices will make all the Difference.

Success Comes from Learning to Think Differently.

You Need God's Help to Think Differently.

Conclusion: Are you prepared to learn to think "right-side up" in an upside-down world?

Icebreakers:

1. Who was the worst teacher you had in school? What was it that made them the worst?
2. Name someone (someone you know personally or an "expert") whose judgment you trust. What makes you trust them? Do they ever give advice that seems "upside down" to popular thinking?

Sermon Summary: Paul loved the Philippians enough to warn them they would one day answer to Jesus for the opportunities he gave them to serve him. He wanted them to be prepared. The only way to be prepared, though, is to radically change the way that they think so that they can make better decisions in life and one day bring glory to God.

Discussion Questions: (Read Philippians 1:9-11 together.)

1. What are some of the most common prayers that we pray for people? Why do you think we're drawn to those kinds of prayers?
 2. Is it intimidating to think that you will answer to Jesus for how you used the opportunities he's given you to serve him? What are some of the opportunities that you think Jesus will ask you about?
 3. What do you think are some of the "fruits" or "evidences" of righteousness that God wants to see in your life at the final exam?
 4. What are some of the factors that make it hard to know what choice God wants you to make in any given situation?
 5. Who is someone that you know who has a great deal of discernment, and what value do they add to your life?
 6. What is the problem with having an "abounding" love without any knowledge or discernment? Do you really need to have BOTH love and discernment?
 7. How does God help us to acquire love that abounds with knowledge and discernment? How does He coach us along?
1. Give an example of one way "God's" way of thinking feels "upside down" in today's culture – do you find it hard to trust His judgment and follow His guidance?