

## Parish of Ferndown

Study sheet for week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Who we are in Christ: Citizens of Heaven - Philippians 3:10 – 4:1

### Welcome (Ice breaker)

If you could have chosen to be born into a different country or area, where would that have been, and why? (If you get stuck, think of what other countries' food or culture you enjoy!)

### Worship

Prepare an act of worship (prayer, singing, meditation etc) that thanks God for his world wide family of believers – perhaps you could name out loud the countries playing in the World Cup as a starter! Thank God for Christians in each country!

### Word

- Read Philippians 3:10 – 4:1
- Philippians 3:10 is quite simply an amazing verse. It is like a prayer. Could you keep a moment of quiet at this point and then all say this verse together as a prayer (from one translation!)
- If you heard Sunday's sermon, what issues arose, or what helped you?

I was struck by 4 key phrases in the passage which I ask you to look up and explore. Remember these are in a context of Paul saying, "God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus."

#### ***'Take hold' (v.12 & 13)***

Who is doing the taking hold? God? Us? Both?

In your own words describe how you have been taken hold of, and what you long to take hold of spiritually?

#### ***'Press on' (v.12 & 14)***

What does Paul say our goal or prize is?

Why should we forget what is behind us? How can past failures or successes negatively affect us? (I'm not knocking what God has done in our past - I'm simply asking you, "How can this be a danger?")

#### ***'Live up' (v.16)***

Because of Jesus, what have we already attained? How should we live up to this? How does heavenly citizenship affect our life here and now?

#### ***'Stand firm'***

"We eagerly await a Saviour" – what a great truth! How does the promise of the second coming of Christ, and the fulfilment of the Kingdom help us stand firm?

### Witness

Pray for each other to be soaked in God's love and a greater understanding that we are his, and he is ours. Pray for Holy Spirit appointed situations or conversations – whatever God prepares for us this week.

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