



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of February 28, 2021

Brothers or Enemies of the Cross

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Philippians 3:16-19](#)

¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

For Further Discussion...

- What does Paul mean by “**what we have attained**”? (16)
- Paul calls the Philippian brothers & sisters to be unified in emulating him. How would you describe **Paul’s example of discipleship**? (17)
- Paul is deeply grieved that many “walk as enemies of the Cross of Christ”. **Why does he have this response**? What is an **example of living as an enemy of the Cross**? (18)
- Paul identifies the enemies of the Cross. Let’s talk through each description (19):
 - “Their **end is destruction**”. Enemies of the Cross have no hope and no future. How does the Cross give you **hope**?
 - “Their **god is their belly**”. Enemies of the Cross recognize no authority outside of our personal satisfaction. How does the Cross **set you free you from yourself**?
 - “They **glory in their shame**” Enemies of the Cross are cling to shameful things for life. How does the Cross **free us from shame**?
 - “**Minds set on earthly things**”. ” Enemies of the Cross are spiritually short-sighted. How does the Cross **free us to have a long view**?
- **Pray together** in light of this week’s passage.