

# Habits of Happiness

Heaven Minded Living

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*Philippians 1:27 "Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News." (NLT= New Living Translation)*

## 1. Daily identify with our heavenly country

*"Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven..."*

- Choose to value your heavenly citizenship more than your \_\_\_\_\_
- Embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of your heavenly country more than your earthly one

## 2. Daily practice \_\_\_\_\_ in our relationships

*"you are standing together with one spirit"*

- Choose to focus on what we agree on
- Stop magnifying what we don't agree on
- Stand together with others who are different than you

## 3. Daily practice unity in our \_\_\_\_\_

*"you are standing together with... one purpose"*

## 4. Daily practice unity in our battle \_\_\_\_\_

*"you are standing together... fighting together for the faith..."*

*Ephesians 6:10-12 "A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." (NLT)*

- See divisiveness as \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ together for unity
- When things are difficult, pull together rather than pull apart

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Do you think most Christians identify more with being a citizen of heaven or a citizen of the US? Why do you think this is?
2. How do we identify more with our heavenly citizenship than our earthly one? What's the big deal anyway?
3. One of the key identifying characteristics of belonging to a heavenly kingdom is unity. How do we practice unity in our relationships?
4. How do we practice unity in our purpose here at Foothills?
5. How do we practice unity in our battle for the faith? Why is there a battle? Why does the enemy attack the church and seek to disrupt unity above all other issues?
6. What can you do this week to grow in living like a citizen of heaven?

