

Title: Whatever is praiseworthy

Text: Philippians 4:8-9, Matthew 5:14-16, I John 1:5

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. What personal qualities or characteristics would people, at work or school, use to describe you?
2. What do you think is the best quality Evergreen is embodying right now?
3. Which characteristic attracted you to Evergreen in the first place? Which keeps you here?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Philippians 4:8-9. What might the three couplings (true/noble, right/pure, lovely/admirable) represent? How do each pair of virtues enhance and complement each other? What other qualities of God can be grouped under them?
2. How does Christ's love for us free us from rigidly following the rules (looking at the list as prescriptive behavior) to genuinely embodying the character of God (taking on the image of God in our life)?
3. What does it mean to dwell on praiseworthy things? Think of various examples. How can you actually do that?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How does Christ's light and love (themes from I John) free you to be your best today?
2. How can Evergreen better reflect the character of God to our immediate community today? What qualities can we bring out to promote the welfare of our neighborhood?
3. As we conclude this series, what attribute of God is God trying to refine in you? How has God been transforming you? How do you know this is happening?