

# GOOD NEWS NOTES

*Good News Notes are provided specifically with 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders in mind as a way to help them follow along with the sermon. Anyone who finds them helpful is welcome to use them.*

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**The year ahead is shaped like a circle,  
not a straight line.**

Philippians 4:4-7

Today is the first Sunday in \_\_\_\_\_, which means  
it's the start of a new church \_\_\_\_\_.

What do people often do at the start of a new year?

## **1. It's for establishing location more than measuring time.**

What are some of the commands Paul gives in these verses?

Paul says that all these commands happen "in \_\_\_\_\_."

Paul explains that by saying it is where Christians are  
gathered \_\_\_\_\_ and where Jesus keeps his promise  
to be \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Paul also refers to Jesus as “the \_\_\_\_\_.” Why would that have been a surprising thing in his day?

## **2. It's for enjoying perks more than making progress.**

Paul gives each of his commands in absolute terms. What are some examples?

If Jesus really is Lord, why can we...

- Rejoice always?
- Display gentleness with everyone?
- Pray in every situation?

### **For me to remember:**

Because the year ahead is shaped like a circle, we already know how it's going to go. It's going to go just like last year went. It's going to be a good year.