Philippians 3:17-21
Live as Citizens of God’s Kingdom!

Verses 17: Name three Christians who modeled well faith to you in your life?
1)  
2)  
3)  
Who are two Christian role models for you today?
1)  
2)  
What do you want to imitate?

How will you “keep your eyes on them?”

How can you be a model to others at your age?

This becomes important since there are others out there, like the ones described in v.18.

Verse 18-19: Where you have your eyes and heart is important. The cross of Christ is everything to the Christian – it is the place where Jesus made us right with God. The cross is what God puts in our lives to help us deny ourselves and be selfless, humble, servant-minded as we glorify God and serve our neighbors with our lives. Judaizers were enemies of the cross in that they preached the necessity of certain works for salvation such as circumcision. They made Jesus’ cross unnecessary. Christians who want to live like the world in all its hedonism and pleasure seeking are enemies of the cross too. Look at what it means to live as an enemy of the cross of Christ.

Their destiny is destruction =

Their god is their stomach =

Their glory is in their shame =

Their mind is set on earthly things =

Why do we embrace the cross of Christ?

Verse 20: What made a Jew proud of their ancestry?

What made a Roman proud of their citizenship?

Paul was both, but he gloried in his place in God’s kingdom, as part of the commonwealth of heaven. How did God make Paul and you citizens of heaven?

Why is it important as citizens of countries and communities on earth that we value more our citizenship in heaven?

What blessings do we have as citizens of heaven?

What makes us eagerly await a Savior from heaven?

What do the names of our Savior teach us about him?

Lord –  
Jesus –  
Christ –  

When will this take place?

Verse 21: We look to Jesus’ power that rules over all things, even our nation and allows/prohibits our leaders, and those of other nations. He will return and by that same power glorify our bodies to be like his. What focus does this promise of God give us?

Where does it keep us from putting our priority?

The cross of Christ is everything to us. What did Jesus’ cross do for you?

What benefit are the crosses he helps you carry?

Your name: ______________________

(citizen of heaven)