

Community Group Discussion Questions

November 12, 2017 – *Joyful Peace* – Philippians 4:1-9

Big Idea: The peace of God will guard our hearts because the God of peace is with us.

Key Verse: ***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*** Philippians 4:6-7

Outline:

Peace with One Another

1. As Members of God’s Family we are called to peace (v. 1)
 - Give people “warm fuzzies” not “cold pricklies”
2. As Servants of Christ we are called to peace (v. 2)
 - The cancer of disunity must be treated early and aggressively
3. As Fellow Workers in the Gospel we are called to peace (v. 3)
 - Cast aside every hindrance so we can run ahead with the Message
4. As Worshipers of Christ we are called to peace (v. 4)
 - What we share in Christ infinitely outweighs any disagreements we may have
5. As Stewards of the King we are called to peace (v.5)
 - We are Managers, not Owners, of everything God has entrusted to us, especially our relationships

Peace with God

- Be Disciplined in Grateful Prayer (vv. 6-7)
- Be Disciplined in Biblical Thinking (v. 8)
- Be Disciplined in Faithful Actions (v. 9)

Get Started:

1. How do you handle stress? What is your favorite stress reliever?

Get your Mind into the Word:

2. Read Philippians 4:1-9.
3. How strongly did Paul feel about the need for Euodia and Syntyche to resolve their differences? Why did he feel so strongly about it?
4. Where else in Philippians have you seen Paul emphasize the importance of unity in the church?

5. How does verse 4 fit in this section?

Get the Word into your Life:

6. How have you experienced the fulfillment of the promise in v. 7? How have you found it to be connected to the command in v.6?
7. What helps you to obey v. 8 and fill your mind with the truth of God's Word? Is there a passage of Scripture you have been memorizing or meditating on recently that has been encouraging to you?
8. How can we pray for you this week?

Verse of the Month:

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