

Community Group Discussion Questions

November 19, 2017 – *Joyful Generosity* – Philippians 4:10-23

Big Idea: **Share what you've been given.**

Key Verse: *"I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:18-19

Outline:

7 Gifts from God that are ours in Christ:

1. Joy (v. 10a)
2. Love (v. 10b)
3. Peace (vv. 11-12)
4. Faith (v. 13)
5. Encouragement (vv. 14,21-22)
6. Resources (vv. 15-16,18-19)
7. Grace (vv. 17,20,23)

Get Started:

1. What is the best gift you have every received? (We know the right answer is Jesus, so share a different answer...) What made it especially meaningful to you?

Get your Mind into the Word:

2. Read Philippians 4:10-23
3. What does Paul mean by "rejoice in the Lord" (v. 10, see also v. 4)? How is Jesus Himself the supreme gift who brings all the other gifts along with him – as in the C.S. Lewis quote "He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only" (*The Weight of Glory*).
4. What is Paul's secret of being content (v. 11-12)?
5. What did "fellowship" (koinonia) look like between Paul and the Philippians (vv. 14-19; see 1:5)?

Get the Word into your Life:

6. How have you experienced love and encouragement through the people of Oakwood? How do you try to share that love with others? What does it look like for you to “share in the troubles” of others (v. 14)?

7. How have you found giving to be an act of worship (v. 18)? How has God kept the promise in v. 19? Have you had an experience like that of Harry Ironside?

“God spoke to me through Philippians 4:19 today. He has promised to supply all our need. Some day he may see that I need a starving! If he does, he will supply that.” Mr. Ironside

“God had been putting me through that test in order to bring me closer to himself, and to bring me face to face with things that I had been neglecting,” Harry Ironside

8. Who is on your heart lately to share the gospel with?

9. How can we pray for you this week?

Verse of the Month:

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

Philippians 4:6-7