Philippians : The Epistle of Joy Lesson 4

Lesson 4

Rejoicing in God's Presence, Peace and Provision

Philippians 4:2-23

Take some time to slowly read through Philippians 4:2 - 23 every day this week, asking the Holy Spirit to illumine your thinking and to speak to you through this portion of the Word of God.

1. What concept from last week's lesson was especially helpful or thought provoking to you?

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

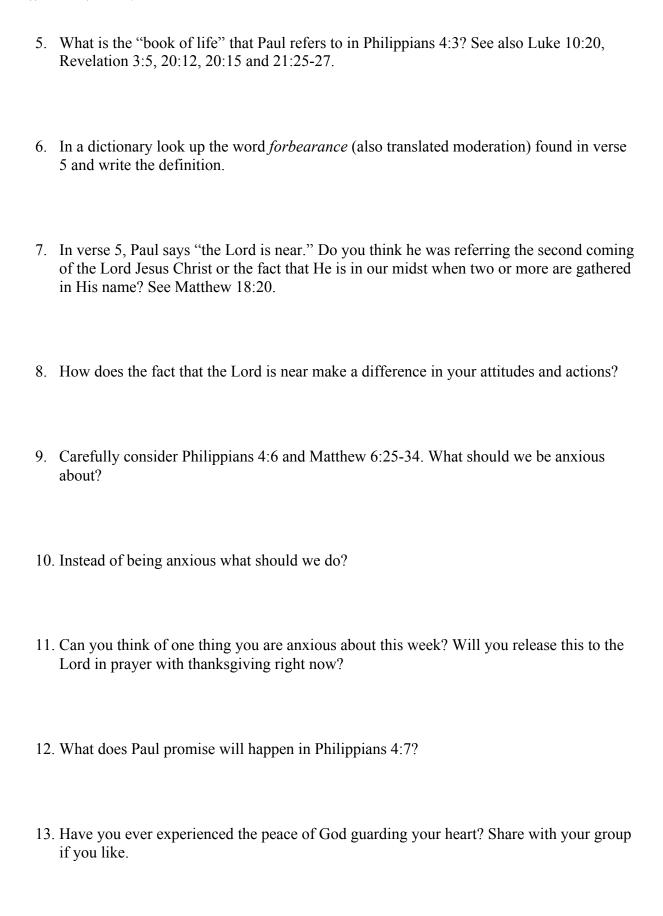
Philippians 4:7

2. Look for a verse in the lesson this week that is meaningful to you and make it your memory verse. Write it down, carry it with you, put it on your refrigerator or mirror or dashboard and memorize it. Share your memory verse with your small group.

Rejoicing in God's Presence and Peace:

Philippians 4:2-9

- 3. How does Paul handle the apparent disagreement between Euodia and Syntyche? See Philippians 4:2-3
- 4. According to Paul why is it important that fellow believers live together in peace and mutual concern? See I Corinthians 12:12-27 and discuss.



- 14. Make a list with definitions of the things we should let our minds "dwell upon" mentioned in Philippians 4:8, and discuss how you are doing in this area.
- 15. Our thought life is very important to the Lord. Consider Romans 12:1-2 and II Corinthians 10:5 along with Philippians 4:8. What challenges you from these verses?

Rejoicing in God's Provision:

Philippians 4:10-23

- 16. What is the secret of Paul's contentment in all circumstances according to Philippians 4:11-13?
- 17. What have the Philippians done to show their support for Paul? Give verses to support your answer.
- 18. What do you learn about giving from Philippians 4:17-18, Matthew 6:19-21, John 12:3 and II Corinthians 9:6-10?
- 19. What promise is given in Philippians 4:19, and what is the context in which it is given?
- 20. How might Philippians 4:22 fit together with Philippians 1:12-13?

Wrap-Up of Philippians: Rejoicing in the Lord

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21. As you consider the theme of Philippians: joy - how do you define joy?
22. Where do we find joy according to Psalm 16:11, Matthew 25:21 and Luke 15:7?
23. What does Jesus teach about joy in John 15:11 and John 16:22-24?
24. Describe the kingdom of God according to Romans 14:17.
25. How is joy depicted in Galatians 5:22-23?
26. From James 1:2-4, what does James teach us about our attitude in trials.?
27. What does Nehemiah 8:10 teach us about joy?
28. Summarize what the above verses teach us about joy.

29. Are you experiencing the joy of the Lord?

- 30. Based on your study this week, what do you think God is teaching you or inviting you to do or be?
- 31. Looking back over the last four lessons on Philippians, what will stand out to you from this study?