

# Community Groups

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*Use this guide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.*

## **Partners In Grace (Philippians 4:14-23)**

**August 25, 2024**

1. What typically motivates people to give financially toward a cause? How important is motivation in Christian giving?
2. Paul mentions five reasons he rejoices at the financial partnership of the Philippians. How do these encourage you to give? How do they challenge your current motivations when giving?
  - a. Giving advances gospel ministry (Phil. 4:14-15).
  - b. Giving benefits the giver (Phil. 4:17).
  - c. Giving worships God (Phil. 4:18).
  - d. Giving guarantees provision (Phil. 4:19).
  - e. Giving glorifies God (Phil. 4:20)
3. In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus mentions that our hearts worship what we treasure (v. 21). Read this passage and discuss these questions:
  - a. What's the problem with laying up treasures on earth?
  - b. What's the promise of laying up treasures in heaven?
  - c. Is it sinful to find joy in earthly treasures? Explain.
  - d. What might indicate that you are laying up earthly treasures and not heavenly ones? Consider how you might think, talk, and act.
  - e. Why is it impossible to serve God and money?
  - f. How is Jesus a better master than money? List as many reasons as you can.
4. Discuss how God is using His Word to transform your life right now.
  - a. If you invited someone to review your bank account this month, what would they think is important to you (be as specific as you are comfortable)?
  - b. God wants your heart, not your money. How does your spending and giving reveal where your heart is?
  - c. How does this passage make you thankful for God's grace through Christ?
  - d. In light of what we've discussed, how would you like our group to pray for you?
5. Consider singing "My Worth Is Not In What I Own" together (have someone look it up).