

Community Group Guide

Philippians Week 11

“Vertical and Horizontal Peace”

Week of June 28

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
2. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past 2 weeks?
3. Who did you share the gospel with?

Scripture

Read *Philippians 4:1-9*

Key Point From Message

- Peace with one another happens on the foundation of your identity in Christ
- Vertical peace leads to personal peace
- The peace of God doesn't produce passivity but proactiveness

Other Scripture referenced: *John 14:27*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.

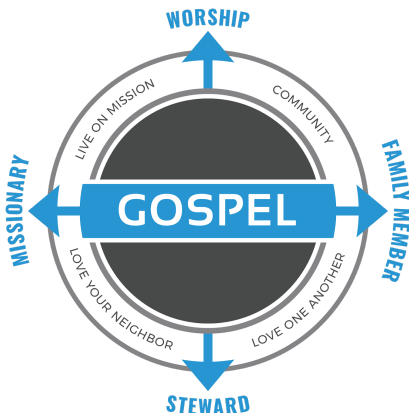


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. Is there another believer that you don't have peace with? Based on these verses how can you come to peace with them?
3. Where do you need to focus your mind on the things of Christ?
4. How can you keep putting into practice the ways of Christ?

Action Step

First, take time to reflect on what aspects of your life lack peace. Then pray through Scripture that reminds you of your identity in Christ and ask God to bring you peace in those areas.

We are currently going through the Love Your Neighbor movement. Think about an aspect of your life that God brought peace to. Pray for God to give you an opportunity to share your testimony of peace with your neighbors. Pray for God to move you from passivity to proactivity in displaying the peace God has given you.

For next week read *Acts 2:42-47*

Missions Focus: South Africa

This month we were planning to take our first international mission trip as a church to South Africa to partner with Julius and Brittany Tennial. The Tennals serve in Johannesburg, where they have been working to form a gospel-centered community. They've done this through neighborhood outreaches, working in partnership with their local church, and getting to know their neighbors and people in their community and inviting them to bible studies. They've recently had their first child and are planning to return to the US in October.

Pray for wisdom for them as they transition and seek next steps, for the ministry to continue and grow, and for the people of Johannesburg to come to know Jesus.

Memory Verse

"I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content--whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me."

-Philippians 4:12-13 (CSB)
