



## **Discussion Guide**

**May 17**

### **Philippians 4:10-23**

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

<sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup> Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. <sup>22</sup> All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household. <sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

### **Philippians 4:10–13**

1. Why do you think Paul begins this section by expressing gratitude for the Philippians' concern for him?
2. Paul says he has "learned to be content whatever the circumstances." What do you think he means by contentment in this context?
3. Verse 13 is often quoted by itself. How does the surrounding passage help us better understand what Paul means when he says, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"?

### **Philippians 4:14–18**

4. What does Paul commend the Philippians for in these verses?
5. How does Paul describe their gift in verse 18, and what does that reveal about how God views acts of generosity?
6. What might this passage teach us about supporting God's work and those who serve in ministry?

### **Philippians 4:19–20**

7. What promise does Paul give regarding God's provision?
8. What does this passage teach us about trusting God to meet our needs?

### **Philippians 4:21–23**

9. What do these closing greetings reveal about the community of believers connected through the gospel?
10. Why do you think Paul ends the letter with a reminder of grace?