



**MONTEREY
CHURCH**
TRUTH . LOVE . POWER

SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Announcements / Upcoming Events

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WELCOME What is the most courageous thing you have ever done?

WORSHIP Jesus Paid It All // Kristian Stanfill // Take 2
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Vp2O3YqeJQ>

WORD *Message Title: "Courage" (Philippians: Staying Strong in the Spirit!)*
by Pastor Bryan James, 8/10/2025

Scripture: Philippians 1

1. ***Read through Philippians 1.*** What part of the message or passage stood out to you most? Why?
2. Define courage. What is this attribute's relationship to the attribute of love? How are they tethered together?
3. *Reference v. 6 and vv. 9-11.* What do these verses teach us about the assurance of Salvation and the Holy Spirit's work in us (Sanctification)?
4. Paul wrote, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." (v.21) What do you think he meant? What would living with Paul's perspective look like to you, personally?
5. Paul was in prison, but joyful. What difficult circumstances are you dealing with you in which you need God's courage and strength?
6. *Reflect on v. 27-30.* If the fruit of the Spirit, *love* (tethered to courage), is the greatest sign to others that God is *with* you and *in* you, would they see Him reflected through you?
7. Did the message bring you encouragement, conviction, or both? How can you apply this knowledge and understanding to your relationship with God and others?

WITNESS This week, pray for God to increase your love for others and ask for the opportunity to courageously show love as you are led by His Spirit.

**CLOSING PRAYER
& INTERCESSION** Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another. Encourage your group to wait on God, allow time and space for him to speak as you pray for one another.