



Title: Hard to Enjoy God in Broken Community

Main Scripture: Philippians 4:1-3

To enjoy the presence of God and to heal a broken community, you must have:

God revealed in your community.

(Phil 1:1)

Godly accountability.

(Mat 5:23-24, 1 Pet 3:7)

Godly leadership.

(1 Sam 8:7, 18; Eph 6:19; 2 Thes 3:1-2)

Pray for your leaders ...

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April 20-21, 2024

Small Group Sermon Study



Prayer: Jesus, thank You for this time we have to dig deeper into Your Word as we discuss the message from this past weekend. We pray for boldness in being open and honest with each other, and may this conversation be led by You. We pray that we will edify one another and that You will be glorified during this time. Amen.

Icebreaker: Share about a time this week in which God worked in your life. How did you feel? How does this change your faith journey going forward?

Read Philippians 4:1-3 together. From these verses and sermon notes from Andy's message, talk about the following questions:

1. Andy talks about how we have the responsibility of allowing God to use us to reveal His presence. How are you allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal His presence to others through your life, through your actions, through your words, through your attitude, and going to places that God directs you to go?
2. Have you ever been in a difficult situation where the only way out was through God's intervention? Did you try and get out of that difficult situation on your own ability? What was the end result? Share such a scenario with your group.
3. Andy stated, "God also wants us to be accountable to each other, as individuals and as a community." Are you being vulnerable with each other in your small group? How are you keeping each other accountable through your vulnerability? Remember to show grace and love towards each other through this process.
4. Andy's third point is stated as follows, "To enjoy the presence of God, and to heal a broken community, you must have Godly leadership." Are you living your life under Godly leadership? Are you living your life with God being the One who is dictating your daily decisions? Are you submissive to the Godly leadership of your church?

Personal Reflection:

1. Are there any broken relationships that you need to make right, specifically in your church community? If so, what steps will you take to make amends, and what will it take to make that relationship whole once again?
2. Do you pray for your church leaders? Do you pray for government leaders? If not, why not?
3. Do you pray that God will raise up Godly leaders in our government?

Prayer: God, we thank You that we can trust in Your leadership. We thank You that we can trust in Your leadership over our government, over our church leaders, and in our lives personally. May we submit to Your leadership as we allow your presence to be revealed through us at our work and with our neighbors. May You be glorified in all things. Amen.