



Radiant: Week 9

Radiant Relationships

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Philippians 4:1-9

1. What is Paul’s desire for the relationship between Euodia and Syntyche? (v1-3)
2. What response to anxiety does Paul encourage? (v4-7)
3. Describe Paul’s recommendations about “thinking” and our thought patterns. (v8-9)

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. It is possible to believe in Christ, work hard for God’s kingdom, and yet have broken relationships with others who are committed to the same things.
 - What makes reconciliation and healing in relationships so difficult?
5. Paul, a man in prison, is encouraging the Philippian church to rejoice. Paul’s attitude teaches us that our inner attitudes do not have to reflect our outward circumstances.
 - How does the Word of God or the ministry of Christ in our lives make it possible to have a strong inner attitude?
 - Describe a time when your attitudes and behavior did not match the circumstances you were facing because of Christ.
6. We all face anxious thoughts, and yet Paul offers a unique perspective on how to handle anxiety.
 - Where does anxiety come from?
 - How is anxiety and the Word, wisdom, and ways of God in opposition to one another?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

7. Consider the Pastor’s Challenge questions together:
Take a moment and think about someone with whom you disagree or have a conflict:
 - How are your demands or expectations contributing to that conflict?
 - In what specific ways are you trusting the Lord to resolve it?
 - What is your attitude toward the person you’re in conflict with?
 - What does your behavior in this conflict say about the Gospel to those who are watching you fight?
 - What are you willing to do about it?
8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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