LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

Icebreaker: What do you look back on as the happiest days of your life?

Have everyone spend time reading **Philippians 4:10-23** quietly to themselves. After a few minutes, either have one person read the passage for the group or have each person take turns reading a portion until the entire passage has been read.

Sermon Observation Questions:

- 1. Was there anything from this past week's sermon that stood out to you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that confused you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that invoked an emotion? If so, what was it?
- 2. Observations about this passage: Who was the audience or the characters? What does this passage tell us about sinful man? What do we learn about God or Jesus from reading this passage, and how does that impact the way we love people and love God?
- 3. What questions arise from reading this passage? Is there anything from this passage that sticks out to you personally? If so, what?

Life Application Questions:

- 1. What is Paul's secret to contentment (vs. 10-13)? Why is contentment important in our relationship with Jesus?
- 2. What is the closest you have come to experiencing what Paul is talking about here: rebounding from loss to freedom? (e.g., Loss of a vocation? Loss of a skill? Loss of a loved one? Loss of financial stability?)
- 3. What outside force is most likely to upset your contentment? How would you explain the power of being content to someone you are discipling?
- 4. **Next Steps:** Identify an area where you're struggling in contentment. What steps in God's strength can you take towards giving that over to Him?

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