



LIFEGroup Gathering Guide

Week 3 - Philippians 4:10-23

Getting Started

- *Larger LIFEGroups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone share a "High" from the week and a "Low" from the week.
- Share a time a trial brought unexpected gratitude.

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- Paul was refreshed by financial support for his ministry. He knows what it is like to be "in need" (Philippians 4:11). Paul experienced imprisonments, countless beatings (often near death), being stoned, shipwrecked; sleepless nights, no food, and inadequate clothing (2 Corinthians 11:23-28). While expressing his thanks, how does Paul distance himself from a complaining or grumbling attitude?
- What is the context of: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me?" In what ways do you find what Paul says to be challenging?
- Describe a time when you or someone else was in need. How did you/they respond?
- Paul says that God will supply our needs when we give (Philippians 4:19). Have you seen that to be true?
- How can we not get into "victim thinking" when money is low (a victim is someone that believes that their situation is a result of someone else's sin or mismanagement)?

- Paul says that there are “fruits” that result from giving to the cause of Christ (Philippians 4:17). What are some fruits you have experienced?
- How does generosity make a difference in the kingdom of God?
- JD Greear says: “God’s compassion is measured on the cross and His power is measured in the resurrection.”
- What kind of practical help does this Scripture passage offer on being more grateful to God?
- What kind of thinking and beliefs does God want you to have when tempted towards discontentment on your gratitude journey?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
 - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you’ve encountered it in this week’s Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
 - What’s an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
 - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How’s your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you’re building and spiritual conversations you’re having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
 - List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:
_____.
 - What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
 - How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?