

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 10/4/26

Opener (10 minutes or less)

If you suddenly inherited an unlimited lifetime supply of one random product that you cannot sell, you can only use for your own home and you can only find it at Costco, what would you choose—and why?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:10-23

Questions:

1. Why do you think contentment is something that has to be learned over time rather than an automatic reaction?
 2. Verse 13 ("I can do all things through him who strengthens me") is often quoted in achievement contexts. Looking at the surrounding passage, what is the actual "secret" Paul is relying on Christ for here?
 3. Paul highlights how the Philippians partnered with him in his trouble through financial and material support. Why was it so important that they supported Paul as a missionary when they also likely had other local needs in Philippi?
 4. Paul says he cares less about receiving the gift itself and more about "the fruit that increases to your credit." How does viewing giving as something that benefits the *giver's* spiritual growth change how you approach generosity?
 5. How do you personally wrestle with the difference between what you feel you *need* and what God promises to provide?
 6. Paul mentions "saints... especially those of Caesar's household"—believers living and working right in the center of a corrupt empire. How does their presence there encourage you when you find yourself in challenging, unsupportive, or secular environments?
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Philippians 4:10-23

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.