

# CONNECT GROUP NOTES

*For the week of September 8, 2019*

## The Quick Review

The message title Sunday was **Take the Leap** from the Book of Philippians..

The big idea from the message was this: *take the leap of faith into what God wants you to do to bring Him glory.*

Php 1:8-9 “For God is my witness how I long after you all in the affections of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may yet abound more and more in full knowledge and all perception”

There were two dynamics Sunday that affects the questions we will use in the groups. The first dynamic was John and Devin leaving, this correlates to what Paul had to say in Philippians for his departure. The second dynamic is the whole book of Philippians, in which there are numerous relational and growth concepts taught. So, for questions this week both of these will be considered.

Quote from Chuck Swindoll on Philippians;

## How do I apply this?

Though we all have much to be thankful for, the pace and the pressure of life often squeeze the joy from us. Our shoulders slumped and our heads bowed, we find some days—or months—very difficult to get through. Desperate, we often search for joy in all kinds of ways—acquiring possessions, visiting places, or seeing people. But none of these can provide lasting joy. Where do you find joy in the midst of a trying circumstance?

Paul knew, as did the Philippians, that true joy comes only through humble faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ, joining ourselves in harmony with His followers, and serving others in the name of Christ. This was the life experienced by the Philippian believers, and it is a life available to us today.

Allow the joy you find in Christ to keep you from useless quarrels and divisions and to instead guide you into harmonious relationships with God's people.

**Question number one:** If you were to leave, as John and Devon , what legacy would you leave. Also what friends and people would you like to thank for their friendship and walk with the Lord. What people do you have a relationship with that your absence would affect their discipleship?

**Question number two:** Phil 3:12 –13. What in your life is still a stumbling block from the past. What do you need to lay down or forget?( the word forget in Greek means to count as useless or to neglect)

**Question number three:** Phil 4:4-9 Can we always have joy? Not necessary happy, but Joy? What things causes us to have anxiety verses faith? What do you fix your thoughts on, this is a matter of discipline?

**Question number four:** Phil 4:9 What in your life can you say to others to practice as you have seen me practice?

## Take it Home

Answer this question to create possible “takeaways.” ***As a way to be cautious to safeguard our life giving vision in our church and community we will ...***

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**James 5:16b says, “Pray For One Another.”** Do it!

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