

Philippians:

Discovering your true source of joy!

Key Scriptures

1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing,

3:13-14 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

4:6-8 ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

See also 4:13 & 4:19

Key Point

Jesus is the source of joy!

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Do you have any Bible passages in your home (coffee cup, wall art, other?)? If so, what are they and why those verses? (Or maybe you have a favorite passage you would like to display?)

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read through the passages Kyle touched on this week in Philippians. Is there a personal favorite? Why? Were there any passages he did not mention that have personally impacted you?
- In 1:6, we often read “He who has begun a good work” and think about how God began a work in our lives. But what would the Philippians think back to how began working in them? Does this beginning have any implications to how God will be able to complete His work?
- Of the passages used on Sunday, some of them are teaching us truths, while others are commands for us to obey. Which are telling us to do something . . . and how are you doing at obeying them?
- What does Paul’s prayer in 1:1-11 teach us about how we should pray for others?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Who was the “apostle Paul” in your spiritual life? (Who introduced you to Jesus and cared about your spiritual growth?) Who are your spiritual “cheerleaders” now?
- Kyle spoke about what is wrong with “Social Distancing.” In what way has “Social Distancing” impacted your relationships? How can you do better at being social while still physically distant?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Using Paul’s prayer as a model, note some of the things Paul prays for in v. 1-11 and pray these specific things for your group and for the church.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- What can you do to be less distant socially (while still physically distant) this week?
- Have you read through Philippians? This week take some time to read ahead, and mark out any passages you may want to commit to memory.