

Life Group Discussion Guide Philippians 4:4-9

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General Questions:

1. If someone who was not here last Sunday asked you, "What was the sermon about this week?" what would you tell them?
2. What is something the pastor said during his sermon that stood out to you and why?
3. Was there anything the pastor said during the sermon that you have questions about or would like to discuss?

Sermon Notes:

1. In verses 4-7 Paul reminds the Philippians of some practical steps they can take in their attitude and actions to live out some Christian virtues. He also teaches them something else: God's supernatural power to bring about peace in their lives through Jesus Christ. **Jesus is a PEACEMAKER!** It is Jesus who takes us from a place of worry and fear to place of peace, a peace that only He provides!
2. In verses 8-9 we learn that the peace of God is a lasting peace. When we focus our attention on positive things, Jesus keeps the peace in our lives. **Jesus is a PEACEKEEPER.**
3. Paul reminds the Philippians that the peace of God and the God of peace is given to those who know Jesus. **Jesus is a PEACEGIVER.**

Discussion Questions:

1. According to Philippians 4:4, when is it acceptable not to rejoice in the Lord? How do you think rejoicing in the Lord may help to bring about the peace of God?
2. Read verse 6. What are we supposed to do when we are anxious about something? Why do you think we need to "let your requests be made known to God?"
3. Read verse 7 and discuss the following words / phrases: "peace of God" "guard your hearts and minds" "through Christ Jesus"

4. Read verse 8 and discuss / define all of the "whatever things are _____"
Why do you think we are told to "meditate on these things"
5. Discuss the difference between "the peace of God" in verse 7 and the
"God of peace" in verse 9.
6. Bro. Mike said during the sermon, "If we are following Jesus and He is
a peacemaker, a peacekeeper and a peacegiver then we need to be
those things as well." What can you do to make peace with someone?
Keep peace with someone? Give peace to someone?