

SERMON NOTES:



WESTERN MEADOWS BAPTIST CHURCH
COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE



OPENING THOUGHT

Writing to the Philippian church while in prison, the Apostle Paul wrote the letter of our present study. Having received a gift of some kind from the Philippians, Paul sent this epistle to them as both a thank you note and letter of encouragement. The believers of Philippi, after all, were beginning to experience persecution of their own, so Paul reminds them that Jesus is completely worth suffering for.

So far in the letter, Paul began by greeting the Philippians, thanking God for them and their partnership in the gospel, and praying for their love to continue to abound. Paul then assured them that his imprisonment was actually serving to further advance the gospel. Next, he urged them to behave as citizens worthy of the gospel by being unified and humble. Finally, Paul defended the value of the gospel against the dangers of legalism and worldliness.

Here in chapter four, Paul is giving his final comments to the Philippians and wrapping up the themes of the letter. He has urged the Philippians once again to fight for unity, to rejoice in the Lord always, and to practice what they have learned from him. The apostle now writes about the Philippians revived concern for him, while also emphasizing that even while in prison he has learned to be content in the Lord.

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SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- Philippians 4:11-12 | Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 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.
- Philippians 4:13 | I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

GROUP DISCUSSION

READ PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. Which verses stood out most to you as you read Philippians 4:10-13 this week? Why? What do these verses teach you about who God is?
2. What does contentment look like in your life? How can both abundance and need lead to discontentment? In what ways has your discontentment led into other sins, such as coveting, envy, or greed?
3. How is verse 13 crucial for living in true contentment? In what ways do you do things strengthened by Christ? In what ways do you do things out of your own strength?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Because all Scripture profits us through teaching, reproof, correcting, and training us, reflect upon the studied text, and ask yourself the following questions about the present text

- What has God taught you about Himself?
- What sin is God convicting or reproofing you of?
- How is God correcting you?
- How is God training and equipping you for righteousness?

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS MONTH

We pray that you are able to see how an age of secularism and worship of happiness and self is our neighbor. We pray that The Holy Spirit gives you eyes to recognize these people that need the Gospel, as well pray and fast for those people group that are so hard to reach that The Lord will send people to them, and for the ones that are in a foreign land that the Gospel can be reach to them.

Western Meadows Community Groups

Mays / Tuesday @ 6:30

Whitleys / Tuesday @ 6:00

Richards / Thursday @ 6:00

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