



## INTRODUCTION

Christians are called by God to give thanks with joy and confidence because it is proper

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- Is there a specific passage you are looking forward to most in the book of Philippians?
- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

## REVIEW

- Have someone read **Philippians 1:1-8**.
- What does God's word say about giving thanks (1 Thess. 5:18; Phil. 4:6; Col. 3:17; Eph. 5:20; Ps. 107:1)?
- How does giving thanks to God for blessings (e.g. circumstances, people, etc) in life orient our hearts toward him?
- In what way do you struggle to give thanks to God (e.g. joyfully, regularly, confidently, etc)?

## APPLICATION

- How does v. 6 bolster your faith this week? Be specific. What worry or temptation do you hope to put down this week as you cling to the truth of v. 6?
- Are you in danger of being doctrinally sound, but without love and affection for the church?
- Assess your heart. What most often prevents you from giving thanks to God?
- Do you regularly give thanks for your brothers and sisters in this church?
  - How can your group grow in praying for one another?
- Do you know and pray for HBC's missionaries?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Spend extra time in prayer giving thanks for one another tonight.
- Is there any sin you should confess in light of this passage?
- Are there any other prayer needs?