

INTRODUCTION

Paul concludes his letter to the Philippians church with grateful comments about the church's concern *for* him and partnership *with* him. He has learned contentment in all circumstances by knowing that all his true needs are met in Christ.

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

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?
- Have someone read Philippians 4:10-23.

REVIEW

- What was the history of the Philippian church's involvement in Paul's ministry? (v. 10, 14-16; 2 Cor 8)
- What did Paul have in mind with, "I can do all things…"? (v. 13)
- How did Paul benefit from the Philippian gift? How did the Philippians benefit? (v. 17-18)
- List Biblical examples of God supplying for the needs of his people. (v. 19)

APPLICATION

- Discuss ways that our church can partner with the missionaries that we support.
- What is the effect of us realizing that our financial gifts are "fragrant offerings… pleasing to God?"
- Describe circumstances in which you find it difficult to be content.
- What need do you have today that God can supply?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Spend time in prayer seeking contentment in Christ.
- Are there any other prayer needs?