

"The Philippians" Small Group Questions Week of January 15, 2023

Icebreaker:

Are you the type of person to have a few close friends or lots? What are characteristics you appreciate the most in a good friend?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Acts 16:13-15 together.
- 2. How did the Lord first open your heart to the gospel?

What people did he use as a part of that process?

- 3. Read Acts 16:25-34 together.
- 4. Consider Paul's experience in the Philippian jail. About twelve years later Paul wrote the book of Philippians from a Roman jail. How could the events here be the basis for what Paul said in Philippians 4:4-7, 12-13?

What can you learn from his example about knowing peace and joy, even in hard times?

- 5. Read Philippians 2:19-30 together.
- 6. What characteristics about Timothy and Epaphroditus stand out as particularly good and God-honoring in this passage?

Why?

7. Who are the models of humility and service you can look up to today, as Paul looks to Timothy and Epaphroditus?

How do they challenge you to grow?

8. You're already in a small group, which means you've intentionally sought out Christ-centered community. Well done! What would you say to another Christian to encourage them to join a small group?

How do you best see God at work?

- 9. Over the past several months, we've been in the sermon series, "Season of Joy." In what ways has God revealed his joy to you?
- 10. Pray to close!