



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Sacred Joy: A study of Philippians
December 27, 2009
Philippians 4.10-23

1. What did the church at Philippi lack in opportunity to do for Paul, but now have done (4.10)?
2. What has been Paul's circumstances (4.11-12)?
3. What circumstances are you currently in that is causing you to struggle with contentment?
4. What is Paul's secret to contentment (4.13)? Discuss how we have misused this verse and what is Paul truly saying?
5. How did the church at Philippi share with Paul in his affliction (4.14)?
6. What is the most meaningful gift you have ever received? Or maybe a recent gift that you have received?
7. What is Paul's attitude as he receives this gift from the Philippians? Paul is not seeking another gift for himself, but as he is thanking the Philippians what does he seek (4.15-17)?
8. What makes Paul so excited according to this text (4.18)?
9. How have Christians been generous to you?
10. What does the phrase *His riches in glory in Christ Jesus* suggest concerning God's ability to meet our needs (4.19)? Take some time to look at Matthew 6.16-34. Tony Evans said one time, *God meets our needs not our greed.*
11. Why do people struggle with faithful and generous giving today? Look at 2 Corinthians 8.1-6; 9.5-15. Discuss giving and the generosity of these saints. What does this tell us about God?
12. How does Paul close the letter (4.20-23)? What is the end to which we are to follow and live out all that Paul has exhorted us to?