

Giving Joy

Week 3 – Trust

Transition: In last week's text, Paul let the Philippians know that he received the gifts that they sent by Epaphroditus. He went on to describe their sacrificial giving as a fragrant aroma, pleasing to the Lord.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Paul reminds the Philippians, who sacrificed so much for Paul, that God would supply their every need with his riches. He then wraps up with a doxology, glorifying God.

Opening Questions:

- When you think about stressful times when you didn't have much, what helped you get through?
- What fills you with gratitude at this time in your life?

Scripture/Storying: Philippians 4:19-20

Discipleship Questions:

- What areas in this season of life do you need God's provision most? Why do you think it is difficult for you to trust God with this area of your life at this time? How can you deliberately practice handing over this need to God this week?
- What blessings have you received lately that demonstrate God's care for you? Why do you think it is critical to identify and express gratitude for these blessings in a consistent manner? How can you develop the habit of detecting and celebrating God's generous blessings?
- What habits push you more toward trusting self to provide rather than God? Why do you think dependence on God feels less safe than trusting yourself? How might you adjust your life to depend less on your strength and more on God's?
- What attributes of God in these verses draw out an attitude of thankfulness in you? How can the way you approach challenges change, when you acknowledge God's glory?
- What future uncertainties challenge your belief that God will provide? Why do these upcoming events weigh heavy on you? How can you trust that God will provide for these future needs with confidence?
- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?

Prayer time: Favor International

- Pray that lives will be transformed in the many people, displaced by war, as Favor reaches them with the love of Jesus and the power of the Gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to cover Carole and Terry's journey with favor and divine appointments as they share and expand the vision of Favor across the United States.
- Pray for an overflow of resources fueling every outreach and empowering the vision to reach more souls across Africa.