

LG DISCUSSION LIFEGROUPS GUIDE

Use these questions in your Life Group gatherings or for further discussion as a family.

DOES YOUR PRESENCE CHANGE THE ROOM? | MAY 11, 2025

SERMON RECAP

When we endure hardship for Christ, our presence can powerfully influence those around us and draw them to Christ.

THE LEAD IN

- Have you ever experienced being in a place when a person walked in and their presence changed the room, for better or for worse? Share the story.

GETTING INTO THE TEXT

- Read Philippians 1:12-14 and verse 30. How might Paul's description of what happened to him have served as an encouragement to the believers in Philippi? Or do you think he was bragging?
- Keeping Philippians 1 in mind, also read Hebrews 12:4-12. Why does God allow hardship and discipline for His children?

GOING DEEPER

- When hardship shows up, do you tend to view it as harmful or beneficial? Do you try to run from it or endure it? How can focusing on God's purpose in hardship help to shift your perspective?
- Pastor Tony asked a few questions to end his sermon. Take a few moments to reflect on them and then discuss as a group. 1) When people have extended time with you, do they see who you serve? 2) When people engage you, what are they asking? 3) Do people respond to your presence? In respect or in pursuit of what you have? 4) Does your presence cause people to seek Jesus?

PRAYER

- Pray for endurance from the Lord to endure hardship when it comes, and joy from Christ to radiate from you so others may see Him through you.