

DISCUSSION GUIDE || November 13, 2025

REMEMBER

- Paul ends the letter to the Philippians with a personal lesson and a personal “thank you.”
- As a result of their financial gift, Paul uses this as an opportunity to tell them about how he’s learned to be **content in every situation through the strength Christ gives**.
- Our culture disciplines us toward **discontentment**. There’s always more to be, do, or have. These questions help us discern our level of discontentment –
 - *What am I **comparing** with others?*
 - *What am I **complaining** about?*
 - *What am I **coveting** right now?*
- **Contentment** is the freedom from the tyranny of being, doing, or having “more.” In other words, I don’t have to do, earn, or buy more because I’ve learned that in Christ, I have all I need to make it. These questions can help move us toward contentment –
 - *What do I really **need**?*
 - *What do I already **have**?*
 - *What do I need to say **thanks** for?*
- Paul ends his letter rooted in joyful partnership by reminding the church that they have been **blessed to be a blessing** to others. God has given to them so that they, in turn, can give to others.

READ Philippians 4.10-20

REFLECT

1. ***What word, phrase, or idea** is most interesting or surprising to you from this passage? **Why**?*
2. *What are some **obstacles** to contentment in your life? (Maybe comparison, complaining, coveting...)*
3. *What are those things you’ve found that **cultivate contentment** in your life?*
4. *Paul and the Philippian community share a **fellowship/partnership/common life together**. What does that look like in our context today? How can we foster that kind of life together in this season even more?*
5. *What is the relationship between generosity, growth, and God’s glory?*
6. *What can we **pause and pray** for in our lives, neighborhood, and world right now?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Save the Date for the LADIES’ COOKIE & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE @ 6pm on 12/5 @ church.