

Sermon-Based Community Life Group Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a community life group, Bible study or missional community. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is a tool to facilitate that interaction.

The purpose of this guide is for all groups, studies and communities to dive into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. This study guide can be used individually, however, the greatest benefit of growth in Scripture and faith comes when people are interacting together around Biblical truth and how God is at work in their lives.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 223-0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, missional communities, or leading and/or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

Share with the group about the grumpiest person you have ever known. Then share about the happiest person you have ever known. What were the distinguishing characteristics of each one?

INTRO TO PHILIPPIANS

In our current culture, it would seem as though we are running low on encouragement. Many seem to be fueled by the negativity and frustrations that exist all around us. This, however, is not the way of Jesus. The Apostle Paul writes the letter to the Philippians from a prison cell. It is in this letter that he speaks words of encouragement back to a church that encourages him through the joy in their faith. It is our prayer that this sermon series will draw YOU closer to Jesus, refilling your tank, and pressing you onward in Him.

Read Philippians 2:14-18

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Why does the Apostle Paul specifically exhort the Philippians to proceed with their sanctification without grumbling or disputing?

How do the following verses help us understand the dangers of grumbling and disputing?

Romans 13:12-14

1 Corinthians 10:1-12

2 Corinthians 12:20-21

James 5:7-11

1 Peter 4:7-9

What is the moral standard that Paul establishes for the behavior of the believers in Philippians 2:15?

How does Paul describe the culture that surrounds the Philippian church?

What does it mean, in this context, for the church to 'shine as lights' in the midst of their culture? How does the apply to us today?

What does the Apostle Paul name as the foundation of the believer's ability to stand firm in the face of opposition?

How do the following verses inform us of the important of holding fast to the Word through the power that God provides?

Luke 8:15

Romans 12:9

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

Colossians 1:21-23

Hebrews 3:5-6

Hebrews 3:12-14

Hebrews 10:23-25

In the face of what extreme circumstance does Paul describe the endurance of his joy? What is the basis of his joy?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

The key to standing firm in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation is the same today as it was when Paul wrote to the Philippians. Only when believers read, study, memorize, and apply God's Word in their lives will they be able to remain steadfast against the deception and distraction of the world. The peace and contentment of believers shines like a bright beacon in a world of conflict and covetousness.

PRAYER AND MEMORY VERSE

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

Philippians 2:14–15 (ESV)

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Sermon Series:
FUEL

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Hold On!

Philippians 2:14-18

1. Fruit

2. Foundation

3. Finish line