

# “Joy In The Everyday: Live In Such A Way”

Growth Group Guide

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## WELCOME *(Connecting with each other)*

Whether in good or bad circumstances or seasons, discuss what it might look like to live as citizens of heaven here on earth. What qualities could we portray? What identity do we have? What would be the result? Consider the qualities and identity a Roman citizen in Paul’s day would have portrayed in Rome. Are there similarities and/or differences?

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER *(Connecting with God)*

Open in prayer, praising the Spirit for being our strength to live the Christian life!

2 Corinthians 3:3 (MSG) Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit; not chiseled into stone, but carved into human lives—...

Ephesians 6:10 (NTFE) What else is there to say? Just this: be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his power.

Colossians 1:10-11 (NTFE) This will mean that you’ll be able to conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Lord, and so give him real delight, as you bear fruit in every good work and grow up in the knowledge of God.

Philippians 4:13 (ESV) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

## WORD *(Letting God speak to us)*

1. **Read Philippians 1:27-28.** How do you read “let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ?” Does anything you hear in those words cause you to feel like you need to start performing? If so, why?
2. **Read Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20, and 2 Corinthians 5:17.** These verses share important elements of the gospel. How might they help whatever issues we discovered in the last question? How might they help us encourage one another in our walk with Jesus?
3. “Let your manner of life be worth of the gospel of Christ” has an underlying meaning of “behave like a citizen.” Paul says later in Philippians 3:20 that our citizenship is in Heaven. How do you have the ability to live as Heaven’s citizen? (See Philippians 1:21 for help.)
4. Paul desired to hear that the Philippians were standing firm in one spirit, with one mind. When you hear one spirit and one mind, what pictures come to mind for you?
5. **Read Ephesians 4:3 and 1 Corinthians 2:16.** From these, how are we able to have one spirit, live unified, and be of one mind? Why doesn’t this mean we will all look, think, and act exactly alike?
6. The purpose for being of one spirit and mind, is so they could strive together for the gospel. Striving together is to convey the idea of an

athletic team fighting together for the same prize. Our prize is the spread of the gospel. How might we learn from that picture as we work together in our church or the big Church?

7. The athletic illustration also means we have opponents. What ways do you think our opponents would seek to defeat us? How would knowing this help and allow us to live in the victory we already have in Jesus?
8. **Read Philippians 1:29-30.** Paul shares he and the Philippians are sharing the same conflict. What sort of conflict is it, and why is it good for them to know they are both experiencing it?
9. Because of this conflict and our belief in Jesus, we can expect to be granted to suffer with Jesus. Paul’s use of the language conveys that suffering for Jesus is a gift of grace. It also means we are suffering because we are Christians living in dependence on Jesus, not that God is against us. How does this give us purpose when we suffer in these conflicts? And also, how does it allow us to have joy despite conflicts?

## WALK *(Living out God’s purposes)*

- ✓ **One Big Idea: We can live entirely consistent with the message we share and bring credit to Jesus when we do.** Have you had a chance to quantify, or determine, for yourself what spiritual living really looks like in and through you on a daily basis? Or, of being a Heaven-citizen colonist in America? Talk to God about it. The goal is understanding the gospel so you will 1) live it consistently by the Spirit, and 2) share it’s transforming power with others through demonstration and also talking about it with them, even if you’ve been graced with suffering for Jesus. The joyful result? God’s Kingdom and Will being done in us and in others, and Jesus pointed to all around us. His powerful life, His glorious credit.
- ✓ We finished Philippians 1. Take time to recount and enjoy your take-aways from this chapter. Ask yourself: How is joy growing in me?

## WORLD *(Embracing God’s heart for others)*

Realttime news from our missionary in Nepal, whose name we keep confidential in public forums, most often involves stories of persecution for the Christians around the areas he evangelizes. Recently one family had their house burned down because of their faith in Jesus. Our missionary, along with others, delivered instant relief items to the family (rice, clothing, pots, daily items and more). In pictures we’ve seen the unmistakable joy in their faces as they received God’s care for them through these other believers. Also, our missionary is a passionate evangelist and preacher, and God leads him to take missions trips up to the mountain peoples of Nepal. Whole villages will come out to listen to him share Jesus with them. Recently more than 100 people received Christ! Please pray for his current travels and provision, for safety, for spiritual protection of him and his family, and for hungry hearts to receive Jesus as Lord, Savior, and Life.

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