

“Joy In The Everyday: Pass It On”

Growth Group Guide

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WELCOME *(Connecting with each other)*

Is there anyone in your life you've looked up to? Did you want to follow their example? What particular qualities did you most hope to emulate?

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER *(Connecting with God)*

Open in prayer praising God for those He brings into our lives to show us Jesus and help us grow up in Him, so we get to show Him to someone too.

1 John 1:2-3 NLT. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Psalm 9:2 CJB. I give thanks to ADONAI with all my heart. I will tell about all your wonderful deeds.

WORD *(Letting God speak to us)*

1. Have you ever considered the value of quality examples in your life as a Christian? Why or why not?
2. **Read Philippians 3:17-19.** What things catch your attention?
3. **Now read Philippians 3:14-17, Philippians 2:5, and 1 Corinthians 11:1.** How do these verses give you a complete picture of the example Paul is inviting us to imitate with him? Discuss the difference between following a method vs. mimicking an action.
4. Paul invites us all to depend on Jesus together. When we do, the multifaceted qualities of Jesus are seen through each person's unique expression of Him. How can we look differently at our brothers and sisters in Jesus now (i.e., uniqueness in community vs. uniformity)?
5. Andrew Murray says, “The life speaks louder and truer than the lips.” We've also heard it said, “Do as I say, not as I do.” How does the example that Paul is sharing, actually make it possible for our life and lips to align, for us to do what we say? Why is this so important?
6. Paul knew there were others who could be quality examples of dependence on Jesus around the Philippians. Does it help that he gave a pattern to help identify them? How are you encouraged? Are you inspired by the possibility you could be, or become, one of those?
7. What do you think a church family would look like where everyone is learning from quality examples and also being one themselves? Think about this in terms of peers and also in our intergenerational setting.
8. **Read Philippians 3:18-19.** Paul warns about those who are examples we shouldn't follow. Identify the characteristics that make them poor

examples of Christian living. Why are they unfitting examples for Christians who are new creations in Jesus and spiritually alive?

9. The illustration of a causeway was used in the sermon. The narrow path is living in dependence on Jesus from the Spirit. The cliffs on either side pictured the two types of fleshly living: good and bad flesh. Good flesh = legalism (i.e., I am more than good enough in myself, and I will prove it by my perfect performance of the rules I set). Bad flesh = license (i.e., I am free to do whatever I want). How does this illustration help you personally and in relation to others?
10. Paul wept in warning the Philippians about those who were enemies of the Christian life. Why do you think that is? What does it tell you about Paul and his heart? What might we learn from his example?

WALK *(Living out God's purposes)*

- ✓ **One Big Idea:** **It's important to find others who depend on God, and have Jesus and growing in Him as their goal, so we can learn from them and become examples ourselves.** Think about the people in your life. Do they help you grow in Jesus, help you depend on Him, and keep Him as your goal in life? If so, praise God for them, and keep pressing into what they show you about Jesus and walking with Him. If you find you need more life-giving Jesus people in your life, talk to God about it. Ask Him to guide you to the right ones and away from anyone who is causing you to drift from dependence on Him and growing in Him. Every Christian can also benefit from meeting regularly with someone to be mutually encouraged in our walks. Who is God showing you? Be brave and get started today.

WORLD *(Embracing God's heart for others)*

Community is a key value of Boise Bible College. They want the campus to be hospitable and warm, and the college community to be a family that encourages and challenges. To that end, they've created all kinds of ways for students to get involved the moment they set foot on the campus. Check out some of their fall events below and pray students, whatever year they may be at, will have a rich community experience, know God, grow in Him, and share Him with others. **Fall Events:** 1) Convocation Banquet - Kick off to the school year to envision the upcoming year as a community of faith. 2) Boise Bible Spirit Week - All things Intramural Athletics. This is a week to #BleedBoiseBibleBlue. 3) Spiritual Leadership Week - A week to be encourage and equipped. Students, with the oversight of college faculty, host the event and activities. 4) Trunk-or-Treat - Car trunks are dressed for Halloween to provide a safe place for kids and parents to enjoy treats. 5) ICOM (International Conference on Missions) - Students will fly to ICOM with faculty and staff to learn from missionaries and ministries around the world. They will get to connect with thousands of people at their booths for future ministry opportunities. (From website: <https://www.boisebible.edu/campus-life>, 10-24-26.)

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