

Notes

Cultivating Contentment

Philippians 4:10-13

November 12, 2017

Sermon Series: Thanksgiving

The Big Question: Have you found contentment?

1. Acknowledge the giver.

2. Learn your lessons.

3. Know the secret.

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

LifeGroup Discussion

Date: November 19, 2017

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1. Each year I take my kids shopping to buy their mom a Christmas present they can give her from them. We pick out the gift, they carry it to the register and I pay for it. Angela opens it and thanks them for their gift and thanks me too. How is this similar to the way we should give glory to the Lord for the gifts we receive from others?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 11:21-29. How does this passage help us to better appreciate Paul's contentment?
3. Paul acknowledges that he had to learn to be content. What has helped you to learn contentment in your life? In what areas to do you still struggle with contentment?
4. According to Philippians 4:13, what is the secret to Paul's contentment?
5. In Philippians 4:12, Paul writes that he learned to be content in every circumstance and acknowledged that he needed Christ in times of abundance and in times of need. Why do we need Christ in both kinds of times? How are we tempted to forget Jesus when we are needy? How are we tempted when we experience abundance?
6. In what ways have you seen Philippians 4:13 abused? On the other hand, how have you experienced the truth of this verse in your own life?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Philippians 4:12-13. Talk about why it is important to memorize these verses together.