

Discussion Guide: November 16th, 2025

Series: *Philippians*

Message: *Philippians 4:10-23*

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Take Home Truth: Jesus is better than money, and He sets us free to use our money to make Him known.

Focus Passage

Philippians 4:10-23 (NLT):

10 How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. 11 Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. 13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. 14 Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

15 As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. 16 Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. 17 I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.

18 At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

20 Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

21 Give my greetings to each of God's holy people—all who belong to Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send you their greetings. 22 And all the rest of God's people send you greetings, too, especially those in Caesar's household.

23 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Discussion Questions

1. The message began with this riddle: *I am someone's everything and someone's nothing; everyone needs me, but everyone gives me away every day; when I abound, I bring security and joy, and when I don't, there is worry and struggle. What am I?* Why is it so easy to answer with both Jesus and money to this riddle?

2. In verses 12 and 13, Paul writes about how he has learned the secret to contentment, because he understands that there is something that brings contentment that money can't buy: Jesus himself, and a real relationship with Him. Would you say today that your relationship with Jesus brings you things money can't buy?

3. If Jesus is better than money, then that changes how we see money and what we spend it on. Why do we chase after the things that Jesus can only truly give us (love, peace, joy) with our money and what we can buy with it? What does this mean for your money today?

4. What we know is true is that God gives us money to supply our needs and further the work of His kingdom through sacrificially giving to our local church. What does sacrificially giving to your local church look like for you, today?

Time of Prayer:

God, today I confess to you that I need you more than money or anything it can buy. Please show me how to be content in Jesus, and to use my money in a way that glorifies you. Amen.