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HOME GROUP GUIDE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

LISTEN

Listen to the sermon and read through the main passages(s)



REFLECT

Prayerfully answer the questions below



DISCUSS

Meet with your group to discuss



RESPOND

Apply the truth of God's word to your life

BACKGROUND:

As Paul concludes his letter, he thanks the Philippians for their repeated support of his ministry. These fellow believers were more than donors funding his work; they were partners who shared in both its challenges and its fruit. Their generosity not only met Paul's needs but also showed their commitment to advancing the gospel.

Generosity doesn't earn forgiveness or persuade God to reward us. Christ alone secured our salvation, and our generosity is a grateful response to his grace. We can trust God to provide for our needs through Christ Jesus. Because of this, we are free to be generous to others.

OPEN:

1. Who is the most generous person you know? What about their lifestyle sets them apart?

REFLECT:

2. Read Philippians 4:14-23. What stands out to you about the Philippians' generosity? What stands out about Paul's response to their gift?

3. In the previous verses, Paul emphasizes his contentment in Christ, yet he welcomes help from the believers in Philippi. How does he describe their generosity? What does this teach us about trusting God while also receiving help from other believers?

4. The Philippian church gave sacrificially, risking personal financial hardship (see 2 Corinthians 8:1–5). What does it mean that God will “supply every need” of theirs? Why does Paul say he seeks the fruit that increases to their credit rather than simply seeking another gift?

APPLY:

5. In verse 4:15, Paul describes how the Philippians partnered with him “in giving and receiving.” Their support was more than aid; it was an investment in a shared gospel mission. What’s the difference between “donating to a cause” and “partnering in ministry”? When have you seen this kind of partnership allow someone to accomplish something they couldn’t have done on their own?

6. Generosity is one of the clearest reflections of what we truly believe about God’s provision (see v.19). What do your current spending habits reveal about what you value most? How could you adjust your giving to better align with God’s priorities?

7. What ministry partnerships are you currently involved in where you’ve seen God at work? Are there opportunities for new ministry partnerships that you feel God may be calling you to pursue? You can visit fellowshipjackson.com/missions to learn more about some of our church’s local and global ministry partnerships.

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