

## Philippians Discussion Questions 08.27.17

### Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

### **Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.**

1. When you write a letter (email) to someone how do you begin?
2. How do you feel when you get a letter (email) that starts off with a warm, friendly greeting?

### Background

Paul and Timothy first visited the city during his second missionary journey and the church grew out of that visit. Based on this letter and other times the church at Philippi is mentioned we know that they were consistent and fervent supporters of Paul throughout his missionary travels.

Unlike several of Paul's other letters he writes to the Philippians to thank them for sending him gifts while he is in prison. Paul also asks them to welcome Epaphroditus back warmly as he is returning to them because he fell ill while he was with Paul.

While writing this letter Paul was imprisoned which could have meant house arrest or actually being in a cell. Either way, Paul does not let his circumstances make him bitter or angry. In fact, this letter is full of joy and life. One of the main points Paul made was that you can find joy in suffering.

Read Philippians 1:1-2

### Questions

### **Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.**

1. Who is the letter written by?
2. Who is the letter written to?
3. Based on verse 2 where does Paul draw his grace and peace from?

### **Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.**

1. What do you think it would be like to be Timothy and be with Paul during this time?
2. If you were a member of the church of Philippi how would the opening of this letter make you feel?

### **Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.**

1. What questions would you ask Paul if you had been with him while he wrote this letter?
2. When you hear the terms grace and peace; what comes to mind?
3. How do you share grace and peace with others?

### Closing

The only sure supply of grace and peace comes from Jesus and they are two things our world is in dire need of presently. Take some time to pray together for deep reservoirs of grace and

peace in our lives that we can share them with those in our paths that they might see Jesus in our actions.

Reminder: The goal and highest achievement for those who follow Jesus as their King and Savior is to live like him.