

Philippians - Core Help 4:10-23

Goals: The goal of this study is to help your Core group keep getting to know each other, but also to begin talking about giving and receiving and cultivating a culture of generosity in Core.

Openers:

- Share a memorable time you received or gave a gift and why was that so special?

Scripture: The Scripture we're gonna look at closes out Paul's letter and Paul commends the Philippians for a gift they gave him and how they partnered with him.

Read Philippians 4:10-23

Observations:

- Set the stage: Remember where we've come over the course of the whole letter - see Phil 1:3-6, Phil 2:25-30 and now Chapter 4. How did the Philippians partner with Paul? What is the gift Paul is talking about and why did the Philippians give it?

Interpretations:

- What do you think it would feel like to be Paul, in prison, and receive a gift from your friends? What do you think it would feel like to be the people who gave the gift?
- How do you think this gift-giving affected the relationship between Paul and the Philippians?

Applications:

- Can you think of a time in your life when giving was both beneficial to the receiver and the giver?
- What does it take to be a healthy giver? What does it take to be a healthy receiver? *(note: if it's not brought up by Core members, try to press that a level of vulnerability is needed and people have to actually share their needs in order for other people to meet them)*
- What if we became a place, as a Core, that shared in each other's needs. What gifts could we bring to each other both for blessing each other, but also building a strong relationship with each other? *(could even be the gift of being on time, or sharing food, study help, gifts of prayer, etc)*
- Sometimes its easy for us to think of ways to serve others, but it can be difficult for us to express needs we have. Give space for people to share real needs they have and have time to pray for those needs. ***Spend most of your time here and make sure everyone gets a chance to share and be prayed for - break into smaller groups if your Core is large.**