BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION GUIDE

Philippians Chapter 1 questions

Start by reading the introduction to chapter one of Philippians. What are some different roles that you have right now (examples: student, worker, teammate, husband, wife, teenager, child, business owner, etc.)? What role does God play in the roles in your world?

Read Philippians 1:1-5 and the study note for Philippians 1:5. How does Paul say we should view our relationship with God according to both this verse and the study note?

Read Philippians 1:6-8 and the study note for Philippians 1:7. What are the bonds that Paul is talking about in these verses and the study note?

Read Philippians 1:9-14 and the study note for Philippians 1:12. What does it mean to be "meek" according to what Jesus shared in the Beatitudes and in this study note?

Are you content in where you are in your walk of faith right now? Share why you are or why you are not content currently:

Read the study note for Philippians 1:14. How did the people around Paul react to him, even though he was a prisoner at this time?

Read Philippians 1:15-20 and the study note for Philippians 1:17. What does the word "Gospel" mean and who wrote the four Gospels?

Read Philippians 1:27-30 and the study note for Philippians 1:28. How can you know you are truly saved? Do you ever doubt this? It's ok if you admit this. Many people feel this way at times. According to what Jesus said in John 10:28-30 and the study note, what does God promise to all that believe in Him and turn to Jesus in their time(s) of doubt or discouragement?

Philippians Chapter 2 Questions

Start by reading the introduction to chapter two of Philippians. Three essentials for a Christian to have in their life are joy, love, and mercy. How do you show these, personally, every day to others?

Read Philippians 2:1-5 and the study note for 2:3-4. What are ways in your life that you can show love to others that will also show God's love working through you?

Read Philippians 2:5-8 and the study note for Philippians 2:8. Do you consider yourself to be obedient to God? Why or why not?

Name someone in your life that truly puts the needs of others ahead of their own. What is it that you admire about that person?

Read Philippians 2:9-16 and the study note for Philippians 2:14. Is this how you see "church people" If so, why? Are your words and actions part of this "church" group or does what you say and do reflect God? Give real life examples:

Read the study note for Philippians 2:15. What are some ways that believers can show this world God's light?

Read Philippians 2:17-22 and the study note for Philippians 2:19-22. Share examples of people in your life that Paul wrote about and that the study note shares:

Read the study note for Philippians 2:22. Write down what is known as your testimony, which is the story of when you first believed what this verse and this note teaches each of us, personally:

Read Philippians 2:23-30 and the study note for Philippians 2:19-30. Now list younger people in your life that you can (or already do) show and share your faith with and older people in your life that show and share their faith with you:

Philippians Chapter 3 Questions

Start by reading the introduction to chapter three of Philippians. Chapter three starts with a warning. Read the first three verses and write, in hour own words, the warning that Paul gives to us:

Read Philippians 3:4-6 and the study note for Philippians 3:4. Name some people in your life that you have confidence in and trust:

Why do you have confidence in them and trust them?

Read Philippians 3:7-12 and the study note for Philippians 3:8-9. Why is this one time it is ok to be a "loser"?

Read Philippians 3:13 and the study note for this verse. What do you have in your past that you need to let go of and give to God completely?

Read Philippians 3:14-19 and the study note for Philippians 3:14. The way to move on from our past struggles is to take a step with God and find our calling. It starts with one step – a step of faith that each one of us takes, personally, towards God. What is a step you can take today that will take you away from your past struggles and toward God and your calling?

Read Philippians 3:20-21. Now read the study note for Philippians 3:20. What is something that you can do to show others every day that you have already won when it comes to your walk as a believer/Christian?

What verse or verses meant the most to you when you read this chapter? Write that verse or verses, word for word, here:

Philippians Chapter 4 Questions

Start by reading the introduction to chapter four of Philippians. Do you or anyone you know struggle with worry, anxiety, or doubt? What do you feel causes these emotions to stir inside of you?

Read Philippians 4:1-6 and the study note for Philippians

4:1 and Philippians 4:7. Starting with Philippians 4:1, what are some areas in your life that you would stand up for and not allow your mind or heart to be changed no matter what other people say or do?

In verses five and six there is a process that takes place for each of us to relieve us from worry (or fear, anxiety, doubt, etc.). List those steps here:

Philippians 4:7 gives us a promise from God when we follow those steps. According to this verse, what is it that God gives us when we follow this process?

Read Philippians 4:8-11. List the things that Paul shares in Philippians 4:8 that we should think about to keep our minds focused on God:

Read the study note for Philippians 4:11. Paul was chained to an actual person, but still found a way to show and share God with others. As we learned earlier, worry, anxiety, and doubt can hold us back – or keep us in chains – so we end up not holding on to God's love personally and end up not sharing God's love with others. What are some areas in your life that you find yourself chained to something that is keeping you away from the joy God promises you?

Read Philippians 4:14-23 and the study note for Philippian 4:22. Write out the Good News that God has shown you for your life in the space below and share it with someone close to you: