

Philippians 4:2-9

1. Help v2-3

Co laborers can still quarrel.

People are people even if they are Christians...co-laborers...etc.

3 John 1:9-10 *I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.*

2. Rejoice v4

Focus, not on your circumstances, but on our Lord.

1. He is God.
2. He is Love.
3. He is good.
4. We can trust Him and rest in Him.
5. Romans 8:28 *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose*

3. Pray v5-7

1. Don't be anxious about anything, but pray
2. 1 Peter 5:7 *casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you*
3. We talk more than we pray...we seek counsel more than we pray...we read and study more than we pray...but we must pray.
4. Leonard Ravenhill quote...the man that can get the believers to pray will spark the greatest revival the world has ever know.

4. Think v8

1. Think on these things...intentionally good and positive things
2. Talking to yourself is much better than listening to yourself.
 - a. If I listen to my self, I am going to get discouraged because I am going to hear the exact opposite of Philippians 4:8
 - b. I must talk to myself...and say to myself Philippians 4:8.
 - c. That is why talking to yourself is much better than listening to yourself.
3. These things really describe Jesus...think on Him!

5. Practice v9

The christian life takes practice...yes learn, receive, hear, and observe others...but practice too!!!

1. DO. Matthew 28:20...teaching them to OBSERVE!! We teach them to know...not observe.
2. The Christian life is one of observing Jesus' teaching, obeying his commands, doing!
3. Faith without works is dead! It is a practice.

4. PRACTICE. One step at a time, re-step, re-attempt, practice makes perfect... sanctification makes perfect.

Conclusion: The God of Peace is the central thing in these verses v7, v9b

1. Judges 6:11-24
 - a. National Turmoil
 - b. Religious Turmoil
 - c. Personal Turmoil
 - d. Spiritual Turmoil
2. Romans 5:10 *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

Home Group Discussion Questions

1. Take some time to review the sermon notes from Sunday.
2. Was there anything from this sermon that was difficult to understand or that didn't make sense to you? Discuss it with the group.
3. What do you believe was the most impactful part of the sermon Sunday? Discuss.
4. How do you plan to apply some portion of what you learned to your life? For example, "In response to this sermon, I will _____"