



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Philippians 4:10-23

(Philippians 4:10): **10** But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

KEY PHRASES:

*rejoiced in the Lord greatly, care for me has flourished again,
lacked opportunity*

Question: What is the key to proper, lasting, unconditional rejoicing?

Question: What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord?

Question: What particular care was flourishing again from the Philippians to Paul?

Question: How in particular do you think the work of the Lord was furthered through Paul the apostle in expanding the Church through financial support?

Question: Did the Christians in Philippi have a desire to help Paul financially, or did they really not care?

Question: What were the Christian in Philippi lacking?

(Philippians 4:11-13): **11** Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: **12** I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

KEY PHRASES:

*learned contentment, learned abasement, learned abundance,
learned to be full and hungry, learned to abound and suffer need,
I can do all things through Christ*

Question: What are some of the most difficult areas for us to be content in?

Question: What are your thoughts on how we learn to be content in whatever state we find ourselves in?

Question: How does both abounding, and being abased challenge our thankfulness to the Lord?

Thought: *With Christ's strength may nothing be beneath me, or above me. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.*

(Philippians 4:14-17): **14** Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. **15** Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. **16** For even in Thessalonica you sent [aid] once and again for my necessities. **17** Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

KEY PHRASES:

*shared in my distress, sent aid once and again,
fruit that abounds to your account*

Question: What does it mean when Paul says that the Philippians were sharing in his distresses?

Question: How does supporting the work of the Lord brings God's blessing upon us, and cause fruit to abound to *our* account?

READ: Matthew 10:42; Matthew 6:19; Mathew 6:20; Matthew 6:21

(Philippians 4:18): **18** Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things [sent] from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

KEY PHRASES:

sweet smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God

Question: When the Christians supported the work of the Lord who was it pleasing to, and what was it likened to?

Question: What is your definition of the word *sacrifice*?

READ: 2 Samuel 24:24; 2 Samuel 24:25

(Philippians 4:19-20): **19** And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. **20** Now to our God and Father [be] glory forever and ever. Amen.

KEY PHRASES:

my God shall supply all your need

Question: How does giving unto the Lord testify to the ability of God to supply our needs?

(Philippians 4:21-23): **21** Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. **22** All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household. **23** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.