

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- Christians often cringe when pastors preach on generosity and tithing. Why do you think that might be? Why do you think pastors might be hesitant to talk about money?
- **Read Philippians 4:10-23.** How would you define “Christian contentment” based on these verses?
- How does a lack of Christian contentment affect living on mission for Jesus (making Him known through your words and actions)?
- **Philippians 4:13** is one of the most misused verses in the Bible. Based on the verses before and after, what is the actual meaning of this verse? And how does it apply to your life?
- **Read Philippians 4:17-19 again.** What does Paul desire from and for the Philippians?
- Based on these verses, what do you think it means to give “faithfully?”
- **Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10 and 17-19.** These verses are from another of Paul’s letters. In your own words, what is Paul’s point here?
- What is meant by the “uncertainty of wealth?” Do you think of wealth this way?
- How do these verses connect to **Philippians 4:17-19?**
- What might prevent you from living generously – either towards those in need or towards the church?
- Do you have a disciplined plan to give to the mission of the church and to those in need? What might one look like for your specific financial situation?
- Write one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Luke 1:1-25. How did Zechariah’s and Elizabeth’s response differ? Which one do you think you would have had?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- Can you think of a time when you were perfectly content (all your needs were met)? If not, why do you think that is? How did it affect your relationships?
- **Read Philippians 4:10-13.** What specifically is Paul rejoicing in?
- What is the secret of Paul's contentment?
- What might keep us from experiencing this contentment that Paul experienced?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?
- **Philippians 4:13** is one of the most misused verses in the Bible. Based on the verses before it, what does Paul mean when he says he "can do all things"?
- **Read Philippians 4:14-20.** What does Paul want from the Philippians? What does he want for them?
- **Re-read Philippians 4:19-20.** Why is it important that the Philippians know that God will supply all their needs?
- What would change in your life if you always recognized God's generosity to you?
- Who in your life has some need? What would it look like for you to show concern for them?
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Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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