

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

Each week, questions will be provided to help individuals and groups connect with the sermon and grow deeper in faith. The following questions, prompts and discussion points are meant to help guide both personal devotion and small group conversation. Be open and flexible to additional questions.

- Encourage everyone to share a highlight or lowlight from their week.
- If someone who was not here last Sunday asked you, "What was the sermon about this week?" what would you tell them?

GROW

- Read Philippians 4:4-9. Consider Lectio Divina. Wait. Read. Listen Obediently. Pray. Abide. What words or phrases stick out to you? Anything you noticed for the first time?
- In Philippians, Paul says: "Rejoice! Be Gentle! Do not be anxious! Pray!" Which of these is the hardest for you? Which is the easiest? Explain and discuss.
- Try and come up with antonyms for each of these adjectives in verse 8. How does this clarify what Paul is talking about?
- Discuss the difference between "the peace of God" in v7 and the "God of peace" in v9.
- What about Jesus, his person or work, is most joyful to you? Share with the group. Where have you seen God at work in your life for which you are thankful?
- Brainstorm some of the unconscious "Rules of Life" that you have - examples, eat breakfast and shower, eat one salad a day, kiss your spouse when you get home from work, etc. Do you have a Rule of Life (or two) that fall in the spirituality category? Ways that you stay connected to God throughout your day(s)?

PRAYER

Spend intentional time together in prayer this week. Share prayer requests.

INVITATION

JOIN US DECEMBER 8, 15, AND 22 FROM 9-9:45AM BEFORE CHURCH, AS WE LEARN HOW TO TURN TOWARD GOD IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS AND REFLECT ON THE NAMES OF JESUS + KIDS PRAISE FOR KIDS!

12/8 - lesson by Lynne Lindberg, 12/15 - experiential advent stations, 12/22 - reflections