



Small Group Discussion Questions “When Help Meets Hope”

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Paul shares with the church at Philippi his passion for the value he finds in knowing Jesus, finding contentment through Him, and encourages them to engage with God’s work in the world.

Warm Up:

Take a minute and remember the zeal you had at the beginning of your journey with Jesus. What did it feel like? What were you ready to do **then**?

Talk it Over: (Read Philippians 3:7-11, 4:10-17)

1. Reflect on Paul’s relationship towards his **success**. What’s driving this kind of radical worldview? (If helpful, read Philippians 3:1-6).
2. What **two ways** does Paul desire to know Christ? Why are those important?
3. How has Paul’s worldview (expressed in chapter 3) **empowered** his lifestyle (expressed in chapter 4)?

4. Why does Paul see it as important for the Philippians to be **engaged** in God's work? What's the "credit" he's talking about?

Work it Out:

1. What resonates with you from these passages?
 2. What opportunities exist this week to prioritize God's values over your personal success?
 3. Who could you meet with this Fall to talk and pray through moving out of your comfort zone?
 4. What's one thing you will do differently this week because of thinking on God's principles revealed in Scripture?
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Pray it Through:

Join in the Lord's Prayer together as a group:

*"Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one,
for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever."*