

Students - Cell Group Discipleship Study Guide

Phil. 4:9-23

Subject: Saved, Serving and Satisfied!

Scripture:

Part I Phil. 4:9-13 - 9 *Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.* 10 *I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.* 11 *I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.* 12 *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.* 13 *I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

Part II - Phil. 4:14-23 14 *Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.* 15 *Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only;* 16 *for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need.* 17 *Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.* 18 *I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.* 19 *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.* 20 *To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.* 21 *Greet all the saints in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send greetings.* 22 *All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.* 23 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (NIV)*

Scripture Content - Paul concludes his letter with a presentation of Christ as life's power (Phil. 4:13).

Objective: **Goal:** To help us to see how important it is for us to be saved, serving and satisfied with our Savior. **Challenge:** God will give us the strength (v. 13) and provision (v. 19) we need to fulfill our assignment. **Benefit:** God will use us to build up His kingdom and be a blessing to others.

Questions from Sunday's Message for Discussion

Part I

A. _____ **Power (V. 9).** 9 *Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

Who is your example for the Christian life? Are you an example for others?

B. _____ **Power (Vs. 10-13).**

1. The _____ (Vs. 10-12).

a. The Philippians' _____ (V. 10). *10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.*

Is there something you want to do but don't have the opportunity to do it now?

b. Paul's _____ (Vs. 11-12). *11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

Paul learned to be content. What are you learning from your current circumstances?

2. The _____ (V. 13). *13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

Paul had a positive mental attitude even in prison. How is your attitude as you live for Christ?

Part II

C. _____ Power (Vs. 14-18).

1. Paul's _____ (V. 14). *14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.*

Paul says being a Christian isn't a trouble free life. What are some things we deal with today?

2. Paul's _____ (Vs. 15-17). *15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. 17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.*

Ministry isn't a solo act. We need one another in ministry. Who's on your ministry team?

3. Paul's _____ (V. 18). *18 I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.*

Paul received his supply just in time. Can you testify that God's timing is perfect? Please give at least one example.

D. _____ Power (Vs. 19-23).

1. The _____ (V. 19). *19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. God uses his power to glorify himself.*

Is this promise to all Christians whether they give or not or was Paul talking to only generous saints. (Yes or No) Why or Why not?

2. The _____ (V. 20). *20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

The word “glory” used here means we are to give God praise for this supernatural provision. Have you given God praise lately for your blessings?

3. The _____ (Vs. 21-23). *21 Greet all the saints in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send greetings. 22 All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household. 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (NIV)*

The kingdom of God is made up of all sorts of people. The Church at Phillipi was very diverse. Are you comfortable worshipping with people who aren't like you? Why or Why not?

Application

1. We need follow good examples and be a good example for others (v. 9).
2. We can accomplish anything that is God's will for our life (v. 10-13).
3. God will send us what we need when we need it (V. 14-19).
4. We need to learn how to work and worship with people who different from us (v.20-23).

We are growing Warmer through Fellowship , Deeper through Discipleship , Stronger through Worship , Broader through Ministry , Larger through Evangelism , Healthier and Wealthier through Stewardship . (Acts 2:41-47)

Memory Verse: Phil. 4:13 - *I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (NIV)*