

5. Take time to “dwell on” those things Paul mentioned in verse 8, and consider how they apply to us today. How can you identify those traits in what is around you, even in the midst of a fallen and sinful world?

Pray for eyes to see and hearts to respond to the evidences of God’s goodness and grace in the midst of this depraved world, and for an ability to point those who are living in darkness to Christ’s marvelous light!

**Digging Deeper (for further study):**

6. How is Paul’s approach to disunity in verses 1-3 helpful for us, for the times when we encounter disunity in the church today?

How does his application to these specific individuals illustrate his general charge to the believers from 2:1-4?

7. How can all of verses 4-9, and specifically verse 8, help a Christian have a right understanding of how we ought to engage culture, both in general and in its specific components that we encounter in our world?

**Remedy for Worry  
or  
Right Standing  
Philippians 4:1-9  
April 19, 2015**

1. God’s Presence (v. 1-5)

✧ Stand fast - v. 1

✧ Stand united - v. 2-3

✧ Stand rejoicing - v. 4

✧ Stand graciously - v. 5

## 2. God's Peace (v. 6-9)

✧ Right praying - v. 6-7

✧ Right thinking - v. 8

✧ Right living - v. 9

### **Message-Based Discussion Questions**

1. As you reflect on the message, what was one observation, application, or insight that stood out to you?

2. Read Philippians 4:1-9, the text from this week's message. What does it look like for the church to be "standing firm" in the Lord?

What specific applications can we draw that would assist us in standing firm and united in the Lord as a church?

3. A theme of Philippians is our "conduct worthy of the gospel" (1:27). As you read 4:4-9, how do you see these different statements as helping point us toward conduct worthy of the gospel?

### **Practicing It Together:**

4. From this passage, what are you specifically challenged to apply in your own heart and mind?

What can be applied to life in community with other believers, especially in prayer with one another and in striving toward Christ-centered unity?

What can be applied to the active process of discipleship, either your being disciplined or your discipling others, as we "practice these things" together?