

5. Remember Paul's own circumstances as he talks about his contentment in Christ. Pray for one another, that you would be able to face the ups and downs of life with the true and lasting contentment that can only be found in Jesus Christ. (List specific examples of how you can be praying for one another in this way.)

Digging Deeper (for further study):

6. In light of the surrounding context, how has your understanding of verse 13 been stretched or refined?

How are you challenged and/or encouraged to draw your strength from Christ regardless of your circumstances?

7. How can we, as a church, be more intentional about partnering with others in the midst of the challenging circumstances they face, in order to draw them into deeper dependence upon Christ Jesus?

Content in Christ
Philippians 4:10-14
May 3, 2015

1. Rejoicing because someone cares (v. 10)

✧ Something we all like knowing...

✧ The expression of care...

2. Being content right where I am (v. 11-13)

✧ Paul's example...

✧ On being content...

✧ Whether full or starving...

✧ The secret is *in* Christ...

3. Back to being someone who cares (v. 14)

✧ Because life is hard...

✧ We battle together...

2. Read Philippians 4:10-14, the text from this week's message. Consider Paul's perspective as he writes this to the believers in Philippi. What are the most important things he wants to communicate to them?

Consider the Philippians' perspective. How would Paul's words challenge and/or encourage you?

3. Spend some time discussing the concept of contentment. How would you define contentment as Paul describes it here?

How does that definition of contentment challenge you as a follower of Jesus Christ?

Message-Based Discussion Questions

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

Practicing It Together:

4. How can you use your own experiences of having plenty or suffering need (verse 12) to encourage other believers to be content in Christ alone?