



CIBC Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this week's sermon at Cayman Islands Baptist Church. For more information on life groups and other discipleship opportunities at CIBC, please visit www.cibaptist.ky.



Get the Picture

- Title:** “Joy In Generosity and Contentment”
- Series/Text:** Joy Under Construction – Phil. 4:10-20
- Date:** Sept. 27, 2020
- Speaker:** Pastor Steve
- Main Idea:** We can grow in contentment because God is trustworthy.



Group Discussion

a) Connect

- 1) **Commit:** Before you begin, agree as a group that you will commit to having an honest discussion about this text without casting any judgment or sharing any unsolicited advice.
- 2) **Read:** Read **Psalm 139:23-24** out loud before you pray to begin the discussion.
- 3) **Pray:** Pray over the group and ask the Lord to “*Search your heart*” and reveal idols that are keeping you from receiving truth.

b) Engage

- 1) **Read:** Read Philippians chapter 4 and look for major themes that stand out. How do these themes help you understand the chapter as a whole?
- 2) **Discuss:** Paul mentions that he knows what it is like to be in need. Have you ever experienced true need? Is it hard to experience contentment when you have needs? What can we do in order to experience contentment in the midst of need?
- 3) **Discuss:** In verse 13, Paul says that he can “do all things through him who gives me strength.” What is the context of this verse? What does “all things” refer to in context?
- 4) **Discuss:** Why was Paul excited about the Philippian church’s gift? Read verse 17. Was Paul’s desire for the church to give selfish or selfless? How does God respond when we make offerings to Him by giving? Read vs 18-19. How can this promise encourage you to give to the needs of others?
- 5) **Discuss:** What is God’s promise to those who give to meet the needs within His Kingdom (verse 19)? Is there a difference between meeting our needs and giving us what we want?

6) **Discuss:** Have you ever prayed about how you can be used by God to meet those needs? b. When you have been used by God to meet the needs of others, how has God's promise to take care of you been displayed?

c) **Apply**

1) **Consider:** What can you do this week to take small steps toward generosity and contentment?

2) **Respond:** Pray about and set aside a portion of your income to give toward the advancement of the gospel. When you start to purchase new clothing or something like that, go through your belongings and find something you can give to help others.

d) **Pray**

1) **Silent Prayer:** Enter into a time of silence to allow God to speak to you in response to everything you discussed today. Listen for areas where He may be telling you He wants you to step out in obedience.

2) **Group Prayer:** After a time of silence, close out the study with a group prayer for God's grace to have joy as you grow in generosity and contentment.



Going Deeper

1) **Joy In Generosity and Contentment at CIBC:** Your local church has multiple gospel projects near and far that you can give to. Contentment does not stop with money, find contentment with worship, music, preaching and other areas of church life. Don't complain, it's a sign of discontentment. You can grow in Christ even when your preferences are not fully met.