

Contentment in Christ
Philippians 4:10-13
LG Questions for 12/08/08

Getting Started:

1) Paul was content and filled even while in prison. In his fullness of joy he received blessings from the church at Philippi. Describe a time in your walk with Jesus when you were filled with his joy and yet experienced blessing upon blessings.

Getting into the Bible

2) Read Philippians 4:10-13. Paul expressed joy and contentment in his circumstances. Why was Paul glad? In what ways can others concern for your well being help you feel content? What does this say about the need for us to extend concern to other people? Who in your life could use the blessing of your concern?

3) What lesson had Paul learned about being content? (4:10-13) The word content means; *Sufficient, complete, satisfied with one's resources*. In what ways have you learned to be content in **any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want**? What are the top one or two ways you struggle with being content? Why do you suppose those areas are a struggle?

4) In verse 13 Paul said; ***I can do everything through him who gives me strength***. Read this verse with different translations around the room. How was it possible for Paul to handle any kind of circumstance? (See verse 4:1, 4:4, 4:7) What does it mean to be in Christ? What are some circumstances you are struggling to handle?

Getting Personal

Spend time praying for each other especially as we are approaching the holidays. What specific prayer requests are there as it relates to this section of scripture and the Christmas season?