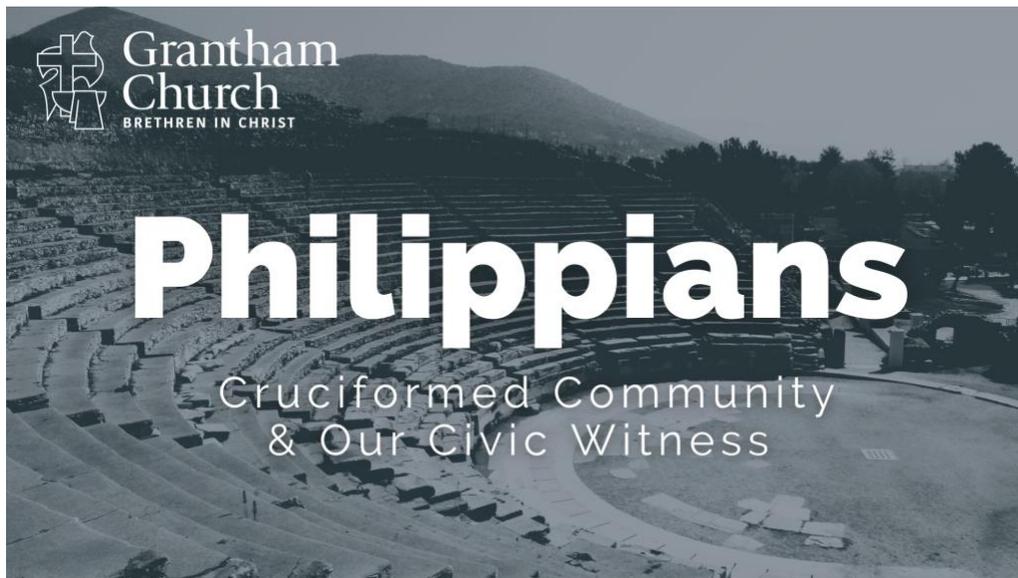


**Philippians (8 of 8)**  
Small Group Discussion Questions

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**Sunday, September 29th, 2024**



**Series Focus:** In his final days on earth, the Apostle Paul wrote a heartfelt letter to the church in Philippi from a prison cell in Rome. What does it look like to be faithful to Jesus in a world of competing allegiances? Is it possible for the church to remain calm, be at peace, and live with joy in a society that is seriously lacking it? And how do we live as “citizens of heaven” in a world seemingly going to hell? In this series, we will be encouraged to view all of life through the lens of the cross and to live out our faith together in humility, service, and love—all the while anticipating the Lord’s return.

**Sermon Title:** Our Call to Contentment

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 4:10-23; 2 Cor. 9:6-11, 12:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

**Sermon Focus:** Paul ends his letter to the Philippians with a call to contentment, which is intimately connected to our generosity. He says that he has learned “the secret” of how to be content in every situation, and then he shares that secret with them. In the final message of our series, Pastor David concludes our series with a look at Paul’s closing words of encouragement, as he invites us to apply this letter to our lives.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Begin by reading Philippians 4:10-23 silently to yourself, then have someone read it aloud in your group. What jumps out at you about Paul’s words? What do you notice?

What is the Spirit drawing your attention to in these final words?

2. In the context, Philippians 4:13 is about being content in every situation. And as one author wrote: "Contentment is the gracious, quiet spirit that joyfully rests in God's providence." Knowing this is at the heart of Paul's meaning in Phil. 4:13, how is God speaking to you about this oft-quoted verse?
3. Be honest. Have you been feeling discontented with your life, your situation, and/or the world around you? Share with the group. How is the Spirit calling you to trust in God's care for you and in his sovereign care over human history?
4. Robert Murray M'Cheyne wrote: "For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ." Ask yourself, in what ways is God inviting me to "take ten looks at Christ" so that I can resist my flesh, the media, and the messages of empire? How can you be more intentional in these areas? Should you consume less media in this season? Is God inviting you to lean into spiritual disciplines?
5. What is God saying to you through the letter to the Philippians? How is the Spirit inviting you to apply this ancient (but relevant) letter to your life?
6. What do you think God is saying/wants to say to the church today through Philippians? How can this letter help us in our interactions with our neighbors? How can this book help us be faithful and reflective of Jesus in our civic witness?
7. Close in prayer over the things shared in your small group time. Please pray for each other and for our congregation. Pray that we would take the message of Philippians to heart in this politically divisive and polarizing time.