

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

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CONTEXT

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PASSAGE

Philippians 4:8-9

DISCUSS

- What are some examples of people in your life who exhibit praiseworthy qualities? How do they inspire you to live an excellent life?
- Read Philippians 3:17. How does this verse encourage us to emulate people who follow the Lord?
- Why is it important to surround ourselves with Christlike examples?
- How can you intentionally create opportunities to build relationships with those who are further along in their faith journey?
- How can gratitude help us in maintaining peace in our lives, even during difficult times?
- What are some specific ways you can practice gratitude in your daily life?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

- Based on Philippians 4:8, how can rightthinking help us love rightly and live peacefully?
- What steps have you taken over the last few weeks to focus your thoughts on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and commendable?

PRAYER

- Pray for the ability to recognize and imitate Christlike examples in our lives, and for the wisdom to know who to look to for guidance.
- Ask God to help us examine ourselves and see if we are living lives worth imitating in various areas, such as marriage, parenting, work, and dating.
- Pray for the discipline to practice what is true and live rightly, so that we may experience the presence of the God of Peace and true peace in our lives.

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