



LEADER'S NOTES

PHILIPPIANS: RESURRECTED LIFE

Choose Joy (Philippians 1:12-18)

Question 1 - allows your group to familiarize themselves with the scripture that we are studying. Please take time with the scripture and ask each person to weigh in.

Question 2 - covers **Philippians 1:12-13**. These verses demonstrate how Paul uses his difficult and unfair imprisonment as an opportunity to share Christ. The question then calls for some storytelling, asking if your group members have used adversity as an opportunity for sharing Christ. You may want to prepare something to share about this question.

Because of Paul's example, others are becoming bold and fearless. **Question 3** - deals with the power of setting a good example. The end of this question asks us to identify one thing we want to address regarding our example. Some examples of a good answer might include: I need to be more patient when things are not going my way, I would like to forgive more quickly when I am wronged, Or, I would like to choose joy, even when things fall apart.

Question 4 - focuses on Paul's ability to choose joy and to rejoice, even in the worst situations. It asks your group members to reflect on verses 15-18 and to discuss their ability to choose joy in moments of adversity. Obviously, choosing to be joyful when everything is falling apart is difficult. But, this is the example Paul sets and eventually, the command he gives to the Philippians. Please spend time with these two closing questions. What might be the positive effect of choosing joy when you face adversity? How difficult is it for you to find joy in adversity?