



LEADER'S NOTES

PHILIPPIANS: RESURRECTED LIFE

Stay True

Philippians 4:1-9 NLT

Leaders, thank you again for all that you do to build into the lives of the members of your community group. Without your ministry, our church's impact is greatly lessened. People grow and change and build relationships because of your effort!

QUESTION 1 might be challenging for people to share openly about how they relate to other believers who have different ideas and beliefs. Be sure to have your own story ready to share, so others will see that you have a safe space in which to share their own story.

QUESTION 2 again will ask for members to share their own success or struggle with being a person of "gentleness and forbearing", so give some time for everyone to process their thoughts. Consider having your group look at this passage to see a clear application concerning love that applies here:

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 -

- We must choose to put love into practice.
- Love is patient.
- Love does not demand its own way.
- Love is not irritable.
- Love keeps no record of wrongs.

QUESTION 3 is all about WORRY. Worry is nearly an epidemic, even in the church. It may be that your group members will realize that they do not trust God as they should and they may experience a level of guilt as this is discussed, so be ready with your own struggle or a victory you have experienced in this area. A couple of other questions to help guide this part of the discussion might be: So what do you do when you worry? What are you listening to? What voice feeds into your life?

QUESTION 4 will let you and your group discover the meanings of the adjectives that Paul uses. It will be helpful if you take a bit of time ahead of community group and look up some definitions. You can also read from a few different translations to heighten the understanding of all that Paul is saying here.

QUESTION 5 is a simple and practical question. What is ONE THING you will do to apply what God is saying to you through this discussion? Consider having each person share their "one thing".