

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Philippians 4:2-9

These questions are for the **April 27, 2025** message, "**Peace.**" Please read the sermon passage together to set the context for our study.

Passage Outline

Three Challenges to Peace in the Church:

1. Effort vs. Faith: disciplined thinking brings maturity. (8)
2. Anxiety vs. Joy: Mature praying brings gentleness. (4-7)
3. Meadow vs. Garden: Intentional learning changes behavior. (9)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. According to Pastor Jon, Philippians 4 makes it clear that "...peace within the church is a requirement for the mission God is calling us to." What are some reasons why peace among the members of the body of Christ is so important? What are some risks that accompany a lack of peace?
2. Pastor Jon asked whether it's possible for two people to have different convictions, and to find peace amidst those differences. When you may have different opinions or beliefs that fall outside of core doctrine from another in the church, what are some ways we can "live charitably" toward one another, and to find true peace.
3. According to Philippians 4:4-7, rejoicing in the Lord is an antidote for anxiety. How do you think this works, practically? What does it mean to be anxious? What does it mean to truly REJOICE?
4. Pastor Jon asserted that, "If we are raised, and we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, then we are called to believe that His Word is true. And that means that, for the rest of our lives, we are absolutely committed to seeing and savoring everything God says about Himself and about us in His Word. We're always in it!" How can your Life Group help you to grow in your understanding of who God is, and who you are in Him? What role does Bible Study play in that process? What role does simply living life with others who love Jesus play in your growth and development?
5. What are some ways you can encourage the other members of your Life Group to trust Jesus more deeply? What does it look like to challenge one another when necessary, while loving one another always?