

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Philippians 4:14-17

These questions are for the **May 18, 2025** message, “**Generosity.**” Please read the sermon passage together to set the context for our study.

Passage Outline

Three keys to using money for God’s glory:

1. Partnership: committed to God’s mission. (14)
2. Love: motivated by God’s grace. (15-16)
3. Perspective: confident in God’s worth. (17)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Jon reminded us that all we have comes from the Lord. As he said, “The phrase ‘my money’ needs to be far from me as a follower of Jesus Christ.” If we view resources as belonging to us, rather than being on loan from God, we tend to get too attached to those resources. Aside from money, what other resources or blessings from God in your life might you tend to view as your own? And how might viewing them in that light keep you from honoring the Lord fully with them?
2. The Apostle Paul thanked the church at Philippi for their partnership with him, for the sake of the Gospel. There are countless opportunities to spend the resources entrusted to us. And yet, Philippians 4:14 reminds us of the importance of giving our financial resources for the sake of advancing the Gospel. What are some challenges to this kind of giving that we experience? When is giving easiest? When is giving most difficult, and why?
3. According to Philippians 4:15-16, the church at Philippi dedicated itself to the Apostle Paul in a unique way, because of the Gospel—what Pastor Jon referred to as “the grace and love of God.” We should be so impacted by God’s love, that we are willing to sacrifice so that others might know of that love. How is God calling upon you to help support that effort?
4. The Apostle Paul makes note of the “fruit” of giving “that increases to your credit.” According to Pastor Jon, Paul was referring to a desire for the people of Philippi to grow in and through their generosity. Generosity means that we will give in one area, at the potential expense of others. How can generosity build our faith? What are some of the challenges to generosity that we “listen to” most often? If we choose not to be generous, what are some of the opportunities for growth we will miss?
5. How can your Life Group help you to become more generous? What are some ways you could partner with your Life Group to give to the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?