

to be content...

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...in our fellowship

Philippians 1:1-11

_____ is the only foundation for true contentment. (vv.1-2)

1. _____ fellowship builds contentment. (vv.3-5)

2. _____ fellowship builds contentment. (v.6)

3. _____ fellowship builds contentment. (vv.7-8)

4. _____ fellowship builds contentment. (vv.9-11)

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Questions for adults to discuss:

1. Who is the author of this letter and who is the recipient? Why is it important for us to know that? How is our approach to studying a letter different from other genres of scripture (poetry, narratives, prophecy, etc.)?
2. What is Paul thankful to God for? What are some things you are thankful for regarding our church/your brothers and sisters in Christ?
3. What is the “work” God began in believers in verse 6 and how will He bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ? How has God been at work to sanctify you in your life recently?
4. What does Paul mean when he says, “how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus?” Why is it right for him to feel this way?
5. What does Paul pray for the Philippian church? What are some ways we can pray for our church and other churches, to the glory and praise of God? Close in prayer.

Questions to discuss with 6th-12th grade students:

1. How would you define the word “content?”
2. Why is salvation the only foundation for true contentment? (v. 1-2)
3. Is it hard for you to believe that salvation is the only thing we need for true contentment? Why or why not?
4. What were some of the other things throughout the sermon that Pastor John said build contentment?
5. Why is verse 6 such good news for the believer?

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Questions/Activities for 2nd-5th graders:

Philippians 1:6 “And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

The moment we put our faith in Jesus, God’s work begins in us.

1. Do you remember the work God chose Paul to do?
2. Did you know God was thinking and planning His work for you before you were even born?

Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Questions/Activities for birth-1st graders:

Philippians 1:7a, 1:9a

“It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart.”

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more.”

Paul had a relationship of close fellowship with this church. He wanted to see the Philippian believers overflowing with love because of their lives with Christ. He had great love and affection for his fellow believers and prayed for them continually.

1. Did Paul care about the people of the Philippian church? (yes)
2. Does God want us to pray for our fellow believers? (yes)

Activity:

As a family, talk about people at church that you know. Write their names down on pieces of paper and pray for each of them individually. Practice praying for their love to abound more and more. Pray they would grow in Christ. Pray you would get to know them better.