



## Life Group Discussion Questions

November 10, 2024

\*\*\* This guide intentionally has more questions than your group could reasonably discuss in one meeting. Feel free to pick and choose questions that best encourage, challenge, and instruct your particular participants.

Read Philippians 4:4-5, Philippians 1:12-14, and Acts 16:22-25.

1. How does God's point of view differ from ours? How do you train your heart? How has your heart been trained in negative ways? How has it been trained in positive ways?
2. Outside of church, are you surrounded by people who have God's perspective? Are you someone who has God's perspective around others?
3. How do you define success? Do you know God's plan for your life? Do you know God's thoughts? Do you try to define God based on what you think success is? Do you judge God's actions based on your own understanding?
4. Do you usually act contrary to your emotions? Consider some emotions that greatly affect you, like guilt, anger, envy, and lust. In the moment these emotions occur, how strong is the desire to respond accordingly? Have you been able to break free of those emotions in the moment? How?

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5. Have you ever been encouraged by someone else admitting they have problems? Do you reciprocate by also admitting when you fail? What examples of failure are there in the Bible?
6. In the movie "Facing the Giants" the coach tells his team; "when we win, we praise Him and when we lose, we praise Him". How do we praise when we feel we are losing?
7. Praise is a matter of decision and perspective. What can we do to choose praise over despair? Look around at all that is going on in the world (just turn on the evening news). Does looking outside of our own woes and looking at how others may be enduring help us to be thankful, prayerful and filled with praise?
8. Can you think of a time when everything seemed to be going wrong and then God turned those ashes into something wonderful and beautiful? How did this change your perspective?
9. II Corinthians 10:4-5 says: "the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,". What can we do to take "every thought" captive in accordance with the sovereignty, omniscience, omnipotence, grace, and love of God?
10. Often, we have a "knee-jerk" reaction to problems in our life. How can stopping to take time to look at the problem through God's eyes help us to turn problems into praise? Can you think of a specific example where this might have been helpful that you can share?

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