

Make Up Your Mind
Philippians: Joy in Every Circumstance
June 2, 2024

Notes

Four joy stealers:

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Four attitudes for joy:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Psalm 16:11, Psalm 30:5 and 11, Nehemiah 8:10 and Romans 14:17.

What do these verses tell you about joy?

How would you describe joy in your own words?

What things have you allowed to steal your joy?

2. Read Philippians 1:1-11.

To whom is Paul writing this letter? What is his relationship to them and how does he feel about them?

Can you relate to Paul's expression of love for the Philippian believers? In what ways?

What does Paul ask God to give to the recipients of his letter? Why do you think Paul asked God for those things?

When you pray for others, what kinds of things are you asking God to do in them or for them?

3. Read Read Philippians 1:12-19.

How does Paul describe his situation? What is his attitude toward his circumstances?

How do your circumstances impact your attitude? In what way could your unwanted circumstances be an opportunity from God?

What does Paul say about his critics? How do you respond to criticism? What made it possible for Paul to respond to those voices the way he did?

4. Read Philippians 1:20-26.

What phrases in this section of chapter 1 resonate with you the most? Why is that?

What does living for Christ mean to you – in the most practical, daily kind of ways?

In what challenging area of your life will you choose to trust God's purposes and be joyful this week?