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Philippians 4:12-20

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength. 14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. 17 Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. 18 I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Questions for Discussion

1. This week our nation celebrates Thanksgiving. What are you most thankful for this week?
2. Paul, whilst in prison, is still rejoicing and content in the most trying of circumstances and state of need. What is his secret to contentment? [Reference back to 4:6-9, as well as verses 13 & 19.]
3. Paul knew what it meant to be in need. When was a time when you experienced neediness? How have others shown generosity to you in your personal life?
4. Generosity inspires gratitude. Have you seen this at work?
5. How do you show generosity to others around you... strangers, friends, family? Contrarily, in what way(s) could you be more generous?
6. In what ways can we as a church seek to invite others to the table? How can you?
7. Pray together for one another.