

Jesus IS Worth It

A Generous People & A More Generous God **Philippians 4:14-20**

Welcome to the fall 2025 season of GLCs. We are jumping back into the book of Philippians. May the Lord bless each of you as we study this great book together.

exploring

We will explore God's word together, looking at the actual words of the passage each week.

digging

We will dig deeper into the word, discussing the context and meaning of the passage.

growing

We will discuss how the passage is applied to our own lives.

going

We will discuss how the passage informs, challenges, and encourages our gospel witness.

Exploring

Read **Philippians 4:14-20** together.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1. What does Paul write that the Philippians “shared” with him?
2. What does Paul write that he received from the Philippians?
3. What does Paul equate their gifts with, in v.18?
4. What does Paul write about God supplying for the Philippians in v.19?

Digging

5. The Apostle Paul writes that the Philippians partnered with him. How did they partner with him?

6. Look up a map of Paul's "third missionary journey". In which cities in Greece/Macedonia does Paul receive support from the Philippians?

7. Look at the beginning of the book (1:3-6). What themes from these verses do you see repeated at the end of the book?

- Often if a book begins and ends with similar themes, it can be said that this is the main point of the book. If so, what is Philippians about?

Growing

8. In the sermon Pastor Paul gave three takeaways regarding generous giving:

- generous giving propels gospel ministry
- generous giving personalizes gospel ministry
- generous giving pleases God

Which of these three things do you have the most difficulty with? Why?

9. Pastor Paul used an example of someone who was excited for the World Series and spent a lot of money on tickets etc. Does your spending reflect what you're excited about, and does it include the gospel? Discuss.

10. Reflect on how God has been generous with you. Spiritually. Physically. Relationally. Share one or two items with the group. Do you thank him regularly for his gifts? Why or why not?

Going

Read Luke 21:1-4 together. How does this story inform our own use of money?
Does this affect your generosity?