

DEAR PARENTS

We want to partner with you to lead your student through their faith journey. We know it can be challenging, and you might not know where to start. Don't worry! Here are some questions about tonight's message that you can ask your student after groups to kick-start the conversation.

With Joy

Series Blurb: Dive into our six-week series “With Joy” as we look at the book of Philippians. Paul is in prison, facing a potential death sentence for preaching the Gospel. While in prison Paul writes a letter to the church at Philippi sharing his instruction, his heart, and his joy with them. In this series we will look at Paul’s reminder to us that because of Jesus our joy can be full in any and every situation.

Ask:

- 1. Historical Context** - Where is Paul writing this letter from and who is he writing too?
Answer - Paul is writing this letter from prison and he is writing this letter to the Philippian Church because they were worried about what was going to happen to Paul and ultimately the Gospel.
- 2. Reflection** - How did Paul's imprisonment cause the Gospel to spread throughout the prison and the surrounding churches?
Answer - The Gospel spreads because of Paul's imprisonment because his suffering was real, and his joy was full. IF Paul was willing to encounter trial and potential execution, and through it all find Joy in Christ, then those watching knew that Christ was who he said he was.
- 3. Practical Application** - Paul says that he found joy in Christ in his imprisonment. How can you have joy in Christ in the midst of hard situations that you face?