



SERMON GUIDE

## HIS PRESENCE

Philippians 4:10-20

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**ray that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

### Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Share about a meaningful gift that someone gave to you. Why was it so special?

### Read Philippians 4:10-20

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
  
- O** Paul says that he has “learned in whatever situation to be content” (v.11-13).
  - What is the source of his contentment?
    - Hint: skim through 1:3-26; 3:8-11 and 4:4-7 and pay attention to all of the things Paul believes about God and God’s promises.
  
- O** Philippians is (among many other things) a thank you letter for financial support that the Philippian church sent to him while in prison.
  - What is Paul’s attitude toward their financial support? What can we learn about our own relationship with money from Paul’s example?
  - What promises does Paul make to those who give generously (v.17-19)? What do you think this means? How is it impacting your own attitude toward giving?
  
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
  
- A** Are you content right now? Why or why not? What circumstances in your life create discontent and what would it look like to apply the promises of Philippians to those circumstances right now? Be specific.
  
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.