

Sermon Discussion Guide 11/18-11/24 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Always Possible - Philippians 4:10-13

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other.

Creating Comfort Tip:

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

For Fun - With the holidays upon us, think of your favorite Thanksgiving family tradition or a fond Thanksgiving memory & share it with the group. You may also want to include something that you are especially thankful for this year.

Discussion Questions: (30-45 mins)

1. Read Philippians 4:10-13 together. As you read the verses, identify Paul's mood in the verses. What is his attitude like? Be specific. Where/How did Paul find contentment in life? How was Paul able to face the challenges of his life and continue to encourage the early church?
2. This week Erik points out that God works specifically through us to do things that we, or others around us, view as impossible. Let's look at 2 passages where God does the impossible through 2 different specific people. Read these verses & discuss them identifying the 3 topics pointed out during the sermon (Specific To You / Contingent Upon God / Backed Up By His Strength).
 - a. 1 Samuel 17:31-37;41-49 (specific to David / contingent upon God / backed up by God's pwr)
 - b. Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. What does Paul mean "when I am weak, then I am strong"?
4. There's a lot to digest this week in these few scripture references. Take a few minutes and reflect on your life (where you've been / where you're going). Discuss the following:
 - a. Can you see a time when God had you on a path to do something that just seemed impossible or not something you viewed as "desirable"? Maybe it was something that you thought "why me, why not _____ who is better than me at this thing?" Maybe it's something that you are facing right now?
 - b. How did God empower you to accomplish the task He had for you?
 - c. What was this experience like?
 - d. What was your attitude like before/during/after?
 - e. What did you learn about God through this? About yourself?

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

