



DNA of Discipleship, Part 5
“Cirrhosis of the Giver”
October 5-6, 2019

Opening Questions (what is God doing in your life?)

- What are you thankful for this week? (Good focus for worship & prayer)
- What is a challenge you’re facing? How can our group help? (Guides your group members into caring community)
- What is God teaching you through the Bible and your circumstances? Do you have a S.O.A.P. (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) journal entry you’d like to share? Blank S.O.A.P. journal pages available at lifegroups.mycrosscity.com; click the “Resources” button.

Discovery Questions (hear *and* put into practice, Matthew 7:24)

- Read Philippians 4. In verse 1, how does he describe the people to whom he is writing? What do you think he means by saying they are his “joy and crown?” What do you think he has given to them, and then received in return?
- Pastor David talked about a Divine Design, and suggested that we are more of a channel than a reservoir. What role does fear play when we hold back things God has given us? How does 4:6,7 help us to consider being more generous?
- What is Paul’s secret for being content in every situation (vs 11)? Why would this make him content in difficult situations?
- Which is harder for you—living in plenty or in want? In what ways is having more than enough a problem? Having less than you’d like?
- How would you describe the relationship between the church in Philippi and Paul, based on verses 14-18? How does this explain the way he described them in verse 1?
- Pastor David talked about a Divine Cycle. How do verses 18-19 reflect this cycle?
- How does verse 19 summarize an attitude of generosity and illustrate the Divine Promise?
- What are some ways your group can show generosity, either through a service project or other ideas?
- Praise God for his amazing generosity towards us and pray that you can model it to others.

ONGOING RHYTHMS FOR GROUPS:

Daily Devotion (Bible reading, Prayer, Journaling): Encourage group members to engage with the Bible 4 or more times each week. Recent studies have shown that this is the most important factor in ongoing transformation. Options:

- Crawl: Verse of the day from YouVersion or BibleGateway Bible Apps.
- Walk: Short reading plans from YouVersion Bible App.
- Jog: Bible reading plans available in Worship Center lobby, at your own pace.
- Run: **Life Journal** (includes reading plan, daily pages, table of contents to track entries, prayer list). Available at <http://www.lifejournal.cc/>.

Bible Study Tools: In addition to a good **study Bible** (examples: NIV Study Bible, NLT Study Bible, Life Application Study Bible in NIV or NLT), here are some free online resources to help you better understand the Bible:

- <https://www.biblegateway.com>. Many translations can be viewed in side-by-side columns; includes word searches, commentaries, and Bible dictionaries.
- <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>. Searches, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and an interlinear Bible (shows Hebrew or Greek alongside English, allows you to study the meaning of the original words).
- Yes, you can “**Google**” your questions, but there is a mix of good and bad online. Look for results from the above sights plus <https://www.gotquestions.org/>, <https://biblehub.com/>, <https://www.biblestudytools.com/>, <https://billygraham.org/>, <https://www.desiringgod.org/>, <https://www.studylight.org/>, and <https://bible.org/>. If you're not sure about what you're reading, ask one of our pastors or a Christian friend you trust. Many advisors bring success (Proverbs 15:22, NLT)!

CALENDAR (3 terms per year: Fall, Winter, Spring)

Week 1: Discussion Guide

Week 2: Discussion Guide

Week 3: Prayer Experience (go to <https://lifegroups.mycrosscity.com/resources/> for Prayer Experience Booklet, Fall 1)

Week 4: Discussion Guide

Week 5: Strongholds discussion/prayer (go to <https://lifegroups.mycrosscity.com/resources/> for guide)

Week 6: Serve Experience: (go to <https://lifegroups.mycrosscity.com/resources/> for Serve Experience options)

Week 7: Discussion Guide

Week 8: Discussion Guide

Week 9: Discussion Guide

Week 10: Celebration: share the biggest thing God has done in your life over these 10 weeks, affirm and pray a blessing over each other, share communion.