

Philippians: Joy in our Trials

Philippians 1:1-2 & Acts 16:9-34 *Jim Vandermeer*
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QUICK REVIEW

Thinking about this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

Describe a time where you felt God calling you to a specific ministry in your life? What did that calling look like? How did you have that confirmed by others?

In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit at work as you pursue God's calling for your life?

Paul's victory in the story of Acts 16 sometimes looks a lot more like failure than victory. Have you ever experienced an apparent failure that God turned into a victory?

How have you seen God's protection in your life lately?

God often moves in our times of persecution in unique ways. Share a time when God used times of trial and persecution in your life to give you a greater witness for him.

How have trials in your life helped you grow in your faith?

1. The Call to Go

2. The Preparation of the Holy Spirit

3. Opposition to the Gospel

4. God's Plan in Persecution



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Small Group Sign-ups: We will be beginning our next semester of Small Groups THIS week. Have you joined one yet? Our Small Groups will all be represented in the Commons after church today. Wander around... talk to the leaders... and find a small group that will be a great fit for you!

Lost-N-Found: Did you even know we have a lost and found? Today and next week all the found items will be displayed in the hallway by the bathrooms. Go check it out! You may find a long-lost treasure! We have books, coats, water bottles, jewelry... lots of stuff!! After two weeks, the Lost-N-Found will go away. Fair warning!

IN COMING DAYS

Looking Ahead: Do you wish you knew us better? Mark your calendars! Come to Backstage with the Pastors next Sunday, January 16th to learn more about us. We'll meet in the Activity Center after 2nd Service (about 12:15pm), and we'll have a light lunch. Looking forward to meeting you!

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Are you new here? Don't let all the strange faces scare you away. Go to our Welcome Kiosk where there's someone to tell you a little more about us, and we've even got a gift for you!

Connection Challenge: This week, text or call a friend who you know is hurting or struggling with loneliness. Ask them out to coffee or have a conversation just to listen to them.

Looking for a way to serve? The Children's Wing is a great place to show the love of Jesus to our church family and to visitors alike. We particularly could use help with the Preschoolers during the 2nd service. We would need you one to three times a month. Interested? Contact Courtney Neuber by emailing courtney@wpcchurch.org or call the church office.

Missionary of the Month: Please pray for Fiona Miller as she wraps up her time with Operation Mobilization off the coast of Africa.

Monthly Giving Goal: \$103,333

January giving to-date: \$4,266