

How Do I Know
LifeGroup Lesson
October 7, 2018
Philippians 4:11-13

OPENING PRAYER: God, we praise you for who you are and what you continually do for us. We know you are truly FOR us and know what is best for us. Help us to know the difference of what we really need and what we only want. Show us how to look out for others' needs too. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What was most impactful from the LifeTalk?
- In years past, was there something you really wanted for Christmas? Did you get it? Was it as special as you thought it would be?
- What are you wanting for a Christmas gift now?
- How do you know if something is a want or a need?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Philippians 4:11-13.

- What strikes you about this passage?
- This passage is part of a letter written by the Apostle Paul to believers in Philippi. At the time he wrote it, he was in prison because following Jesus was against the law. What does Paul say about how he feels even though he is in prison?
- Why do you think Paul feels this way?
- In verse 12, Paul says he knows what it is like to have everything. For a man such as Paul, "everything" was more than enough to eat and wear. There have been times when he had neither one (almost nothing). What is Paul's secret to living with everything or with nothing?
 - Even in prison, Paul trusts God and is grateful for the gifts from the congregation at Philippi. What gifts have you received from others in bad times?
 - How does this impact your view of giving gifts?

NEXT STEPS:

- Who are people that really need gifts at this time? What can you give?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Thank you God for all you have given us. Show us how to give to others. Amen.