

# SHINING FOR CHRIST: LEARNING FROM PHILIPPIANS

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Questions for personal reflection and/or group discussion

## Session 1, Chapter 1: Sharing Christ

- Q 1. Do you view yourself more as a servant of Christ or as a saint in Christ? (1:1)
- Q 2. When do you find it easiest to Share Christ with others? (1:18)
- Q 3. In what ways do you identify with Paul's words in 1:21: '*For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*'?
- Q 4. Share one of the main ways in which you live for Christ?

## Session 2, Chapter 2, Serving Like Christ

- Q 5. Briefly consider the different attitudes of Adam and Christ (v6). In what ways do you see people grasping at equality with God today?
- Q 6. How significant is humility and servanthood as we hold out the word of life (v16)? Does this put limitations on how we share the faith if a more outgoing approach may be attractive to some people?
- Q 7. In what ways does following the example of Christ '*becoming nothing*' (v7) affect, or even undermine, our sense of worth as Children of God?
- Q 8. Epaphroditus had the role of caring for the needs of Paul (v25). Can we avoid our sense of worth being dependent upon serving others?

## Session 3, Chapter 3, Surrender to Christ

- Q 8. What things may you need to hold more lightly to so that you can deepen your relationship with God? (3:8)
- Q 10. Discuss what the phrase '*the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*' means to you? (3:7)
- Q 11. In what ways has '*the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings*', enabled you to experience resurrection power? (3:10)
- Q 12. What does '*our citizenship is in heaven*' mean to you? (3:20)

## Session 4, Chapter 4, Strength From Christ

- Q 13. What does it mean to you to '*Stand firm in the Lord*' (v 1)?
- Q 14. Can it be realistic to '*be content in any and every situation*' (v12)? How?
- Q 15. Discuss how you receive strength from Christ?
- Q 16. Do we shine for Christ through who we are or by what we do?

## Overview

- Q 17. Is there something else from Philippians which you wish to discuss or share with the group?