

“Contented Joy”

Phil 4:10-13

(Pastor Bryan Chapell 3-19-17)

Connect:

- 1) What is the oddest question or most interesting thing you have “googled”?
- 2) In case you don’t google, who was the one person you always went to for answers to questions growing up? Why them?

Discuss:

- 1) Read Phil 4:10-13. What situation(s) in your life comes to mind as you reread this passage and reflect on the sermon?
- 2) Paul’s answer for how we revive joy in the midst of trials begins with rediscovering the source of joy, the provision of God and the provision of others. (4:10)
 - a. What does it mean for you to be united to the one who is not only your Savior, but also the Lord who has infinite power and ultimate rule? (God’s Provision)
 - b. Pastor Bryan stated, “The Lord’s providence often flows through his people to show his care in ways we cannot fathom.” Share about a time you saw this firsthand?
- 3) If contentment is not sitting back and letting life happen to you. If it is not the absence of care, courage, or zeal for change. Then what is it and how does Paul model it in this passage? (4:11-12)
- 4) How is Christ’s strength the secret of consistent joy? (4:13)
- 5) What is a thought from this sermon/passage you would want to share with a fellow brother or sister in Christ who is currently walking through a trail in life?

Partner:

1. Share reports on how you are doing and requests you may have
2. Pray for one another and support one another.