

## **Sermon Questions**

### **Philippians 4:1-5**

This week we discussed how we can be consumed with joy regardless of the circumstances that we face. The Apostle Paul writes from a prison cell to let us know that joy is not just an idea but a reality for those who know the person and work of Jesus Christ. In seasons of difficulties and uncertainties, sometimes it becomes difficult to maintain our joy and yet it is completely possible through Jesus Christ. Consider the Word of God this week as you aspire to experience the fullness of the joy found in Jesus Christ.

Please review the sermon notes below...

### **Our Thinking: Consumed with Joy**

#### **Philippians 4:1-5**

**Don't waver: Stand firm (1)**

**Don't be contentious: Unite in the Gospel (2-3)**

**Don't despair: Worship (4)**

**Don't be obstinate: Be magnanimous (5)**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to connect with a group that will work for you.

## **Questions**

1. Why is there such a tendency to waver when our faith in Christ is challenged? Where do you experience an inclination to waver on your beliefs?
2. Why is understanding our identity in Christ so important to our activity? What terms does Paul use to discuss the Philippian people? Why does he speak this way to them? How might this language have encouraged the Philippian people?
3. What is the difference between fighting and standing firm? Which are we called to do? Why is standing firm and holding our ground so important spiritually?
4. What does it mean to be contentious? Why do Christians become contentious with one another? Why is being contentious so sinful?

5. Why does a person become contentious? Describe the process of how this happens? As a believer in Christ, what must you guard against? Why is being contentious such a big sin?
6. What does it mean to unite in the Gospel? Why is being centered on our mission for Christ so helpful to how we interact with other believers at church?
7. Why is focusing on diversity rather than commonality a problem? Why does a demand for diversity have a negative result? As believers, how should we focus our thinking on what we have in common?
8. What causes you a tendency towards despair? Why is worshipping Christ so important in avoiding such challenges? How can you grow in your worship?
9. Why is singing to the Lord important? How can you grow in your worship through singing? How might you prepare differently for your corporate worship experience this weekend?
10. Why is being obstinate or unyielding a problem? How does consistently seeking personal justice pose a problem?
11. What does it mean to be magnanimous? Why is this way of charitable reasoning needed to be seen by all people? How did Jesus Christ model this in His ministry? How can you grow in this area?
12. What is the Holy Spirit wanting to accomplish through you this week? As a result of the message, what are you going to start doing, stop doing, or start doing differently?

### **What's happening at BRAVE??**

First Tuesday at Englewood Campus

- August 4 // 6:30 – 8:00pm
- Online or in-person ([reserve your seat here](#))