

REDEEMING THE DISRUPTION

Special Note: Beginning last week, we switched to a mostly generic format for the summer. These questions are intended to still help spark good conversation even if they are less tailored for each week's passage. As always, the intent here is not to answer each question, but to use only those you find most beneficial. We will return to sermon-specific questions this fall.

As a reminder, the point of these questions is not to cram information into our heads, but to *learn and apply so that we might grow in obedience to Jesus* (Matthew 28:17-20).

Main Text: Philippians 4:10-23

CONNECT

1. How has this past week gone for you? Are there any new struggles or needs that you're experiencing?
2. What did you take away from last Sunday's sermon? Was something especially significant, inspiring, confusing, or helpful?

LEARN & OBSERVE

1. Read the passage. What questions does it raise? What stands out as significant?
2. Verse 13 is quoted far and wide as a source of inspiration. What is its meaning in light of verses 10-12?¹
3. How does this passage fit into the bigger picture of the book (i.e., the context)? Can you understand why Paul is saying what he's saying?
4. What specific commands are stated (if any) or what example(s) is emphasized?
5. In a sentence or two, how would you summarize the main point of the passage?

APPLY

1. Is there something from the passage or sermon that you had forgotten and were reminded of about the gospel, God's character, or some other truth? If so, please share!
2. Given the commands or emphasis of this week's sermon and passage, what do you find most challenging for your own life and the life of our church community? What do you find most encouraging?

¹ NT Scholars Gerald Hawthorne and Ralph Martin write that, "The secret of Paul's independence was his dependence upon Christ. His self-sufficiency came from being in vital union with the One who is all-sufficient." vol. 43 of *Word Biblical Commentary*. Accordance electronic ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004), 266-267.

3. Think about the truth that “God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” What difference does this make in our lives today at both a personal and community level?

4. What can you do as a community of believers to help each other apply the truth of this passage to your lives? Take time to pray together, asking the Holy Spirit to empower you to live this out in His strength.