



# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** We need each other to practice God's truth.

**HEAD CHANGE:** We long to belong and we need to lean into community in order to experience the fruit of community.

**HEART CHANGE:** Ask the Lord to reveal to us that we can't do life alone.

**LIFE CHANGE:** Open up to healthy community to be able to lean into God's will for our lives.

## OVERVIEW

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### God's Vision for the Church

Some of the most highlighted, googled, and quoted Bible verses are found in the fourth chapter of Philippians. But these verses are not trite scriptures reserved for wall hangings and sentimental prayers. They are clues for how to thrive in our faith and furthermore, a picture of what God's people, the Church, is to look like. Needless to say, Philippians chapter four is loaded, almost too loaded, to practice on our own. That is why we need one another.

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."*

*-Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) -*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
2. Can you recall a time when another Christian friend reminded you of something you already knew from the scriptures but weren't living? Did you receive their counsel with open hands or an offended heart?
3. Jordan said, "Our lives are meant to show people who Jesus is. They are meant to attract people to Christ." Who is someone that you know whose life encourages your faith? Why?
4. When people look at your life, how do you want them to see you? How are you different from the non-Christians around you? What marks you as different from non-believers?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Father, reveal the gifts that you have given me through the relationships around me and the purposes for which you have created me. Show me how I may begin opening my life up to other people to receive encouragement and instruction as well as ways that I may graciously give encouragement and instruction. May I be humble, secure, and strong as I pursue everything you have for me. Holy Spirit, help me to become more and more aware of you and less aware of me. In Jesus' name, amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**