



Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - Philippians

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Curt continued our XXVII series with a message from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Despite being in prison, Paul encourages us to "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). He teaches us that true joy comes from an eternal perspective, focusing on God's redemption for our past, His purpose for our present, and His plan for our future. We heard from key scriptures, like Philippians 3:7-21 and Romans 12:2, to understand how transforming our minds and living by the Spirit leads to lasting joy and peace. Let's dive in and learn how to apply these biblical truths to our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Make It Practical: Eternally minded means...

1. Seeing God's Redemption for My Yesterday:
 - Philippians 3:7-11: Paul considers everything a loss compared to the greatness of knowing Christ. He emphasizes the importance of gaining Christ and being found in Him, not through personal righteousness but through faith in Christ.
2. Seeing God's Purpose for My Today:
 - Philippians 3:12-14: Paul speaks about pressing on to take hold of what Christ took hold of him for. He focuses on forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, pressing on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called him heavenward in Christ Jesus.
3. Seeing God's Plan for My Tomorrow:
 - Philippians 3:20-21: Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body by His power.

Talk About It

- In Philippians 4:4, Paul commands us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” Considering Paul was in prison while writing this, what can we learn from his perspective on joy? How can we apply this understanding to our own lives when we face difficult circumstances?
- The notes emphasize the importance of being eternally-minded, highlighting that it means seeing God’s redemption for our past, purpose for our present, and plan for our future. Reflect on Philippians 3:7-11 and discuss how acknowledging these aspects can transform our daily living and decision-making. How does this eternal perspective help us maintain joy?
- Romans 12:2 speaks about the transformation that comes from renewing our minds. Discuss practical steps we can take to renew our minds daily and resist conforming to the patterns of this world. How does this renewal process contribute to experiencing the “good, pleasing and perfect will” of God and thereby sustaining our joy?

**“Aim at heaven, you get earth thrown in.
Aim at earth, you get neither.” - C.S. Lewis**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the message of joy from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Help us to rejoice in You always and to find strength in Your presence. Transform our minds and guide us to live with an eternal perspective, seeing Your redemption, purpose, and plan for our lives. May Your joy and peace fill our hearts as we go forth, sharing Your love with others.
In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

Leader Tip

Our Summer Groups Semester starts June 9th! Have you filled out the Creating Your Group form yet? If you’re interested in becoming a Group leader but haven’t been through our Group Leader Training yet, contact groups@victorychurch.org and we will get you set up!