

Youth at the Manor - October 7, 2020

HANDOUT

Theme “Peace of God ” Phillipians 4:1-9

Opening Prayer:

God of all who wander in the wilderness,
you go before us as beacon and guide.
Lead us through all danger,
sustain us through all desolation,
and bring us home to the land
you have prepared for us. Amen.

OPENING: What has been the best moment in your week so far?

Feast for Thought:

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION Focus on : Read the text three times: 1st time by yourself, 2nd time out loud, 3rd time look for the word or words that speak to you and share.

Focus: Phillipians 4:1-9

4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

4:2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

4:3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

4:5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

4:6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

4:8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

4:9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Further Reflection

WHAT is important to know? Paul's encouragement is clear: nobody fights alone; we always fight together.

WHERE is God in these words? What difference does becoming a follower of Jesus make to one's daily life?

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives? Seasons of identity exploration and maturing hold the potential to remind communities of the profound extraordinariness of what seems merely ordinary.

Bake a loaf of bread
for the woman down the street whose husband just died,
Paul might say. Take a bag of groceries to the food closet.

How do these things represent "persistent, everyday powerful, promises of God's grace in Christ"?

NOW WHAT is God's word calling us to do?

Prayer here is relationship
with God, not a technique.
How can prayer transform "endless worry" into "the stuff of" relationship with God?

Prayer: Let us Pray..... Lord of the feast,
you have prepared a table before all peoples
and poured out life with such abundance
that death cannot claim the triumph over your universe.
Call us again to your banquet where we may receive your holy food,
and strengthened by what is honorable, just, and pure,
be transformed into a people of righteousness and peace. Amen.

Next Time For Youth Encounter Wednesday October 21 6:30 pm

Things that go bump in the night!