

<b>Welcome</b>	What times do you look back on as the 'happiest days of your life'. Were these days completely free of hardship?
<b>Worship ideas</b>	E.g. 278 I will sing the wondrous story, 595 When I look into your holiness, 629 You are the vine; 1912 I will bless the Lord for ever
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	<i>some suggestions for discussion here</i>
John 15:7-11	Jesus here promises his 'complete' joy (v.11) will be in his followers. What pointers does he give as the means of achieving this joy (see especially vv.10 and 12)?
Phil. 4:10-23	How do you think Paul discovered the 'secret of contentment (v.12)? By reading devotional books? By going to church? By graduating from the 'school of hard knocks'? By wanting what he has rather than having what he wants? – or some other answer?
Phil. 4:10-23	How do you read Paul in this final section of the letter? Egotistical and independent (v.11-13, 17)? Dependent and grateful (v.10, 14-16, 18-20)? Reliant on self? on God? On others?
<i>Optional question</i> Phil. 4:10-23	[Is Paul shifting tactics from self-supporting 'tent-maker' job (see Acts 18:3/ 1 Thess. 2:5-12) to what we think of as a more traditional missionary 'living by faith' with financial partners in the gospel? Why/ why not?]
Phil. 4:10-23	On a scale of 1-10, what is your contentment level at present? Where do you get your greatest sustained joy? In getting, sharing or giving? Or is there some other way?
	As this series on Philippians comes to an end, can each member of the group share one insight from the series that has really helped in your walk with God? Is there something someone else has shared that has really helped you? Thank God for one another.
<b>Witness</b>	<p><b>Pray</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ for your mission link person(s) or project</li> <li>❖ for any you know who have owned up to a lack of joy in their life</li> <li>❖ for the success of and support for new initiatives: especially the Friday Night Live youth club (starts 8<sup>th</sup> May) and café church (first 'full' event 10<sup>th</sup> May).</li> </ul> <p><b>Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ have you planned any social meeting over this Easter/ May bank holiday period? – if not, why not plan to go out together on one of the bank holidays (eg for a walk, or to watch the royal wedding – perhaps at a public venue). Consider inviting friends/ neighbours, and/or joining with another group</li> </ul>