



Looking Inwards (15 mins)
Caring For Each Other

Reflecting on your life at the moment, is there anything you would like to share with other members of your home group which you feel is appropriate (this is an opportunity to share, not something you have to do, however, 'It's the sharing that enables the caring!') for:

- Thanksgiving?
- Prayer?
- Encouragement?
- Support in any way?



Looking Outwards (15 mins)
Concern For Others

Is there anything concerning someone in your: family; circle of friends; neighbours or church, which you would like to share (please be sure not pass on anything that is confidential or which you think the person concerned would not wish to be shared) for:

- Thanksgiving?
- Prayer?
- Encouragement?
- Support in any way?

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A Season Of Celebration
HG148 Peace Through Prayer

Philippians 4:2-9

Home Group Study Notes

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PLEASE COMPLETE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN ON THIS WORKSHEET IN PREPARATION BEFORE THE MEETING!

Don't forget to take your Bible to Home Group with you, along with any previous notes and other resources which might be helpful for your discussions.



Welcome (10 mins)
Ice Breaker

As we welcome back former church member, Kevin Wren, to Emmanuel, what memories do you have of Kevin's time amongst us? If you weren't a member of Emmanuel during that time, what have you picked up from others?



Looking Upwards (10 mins)
Worship

In your time of worship, you may want to sing Songs of Praise; listen to a Worship CD, as well as using Meditations; Bible Readings; Prayers ...



Looking Upwards (40 mins) *Bible Study*

Read the text for this study, and any references given, then answer the following questions. You may find it helpful to listen to the sermon and/or read through the sermon notes as you do so. Discuss some, or all, your answers with your Home Group and, remember, these questions are only a guide to start your discussions.

- V4.** Rejoice in the Lord Always “and repeat”!
When anything is repeated it is worth taking notice
(I’ll say that again....!)
Rejoice in what? The fact that the Lord is Lord
Focussing on Jesus, not ourselves
- V5.** The Lord is Near
Deut 31:6: “He will never leave you or forsake you”
Repeated (repeated!) in Heb 13:5
Matt 28:20: “I am with you always”
- V6.** Do not be anxious ... pray!
Easier said than done!
Practice praying; don’t wait until it is an emergency!
- V7.** Know that the peace of God (not mankind!) will guard
It is not a feeling
Even though you might not understand it
- V8.** Think about/focus on
Practical advice
- V9.** God’s peace will be with you
That is a promise

1) In vs 2-3, two followers of Jesus who had contended for the Gospel at Paul’s side were now fighting with each other. Paul was calling them to ‘agree in the Lord.’ What are some of the core beliefs of our faith that all Christians hold in common?

2) In vs 4-7 passage Paul gives a few ‘do’s’ for Christians and one big ‘don’t!’ What does Paul call followers of Jesus to ‘do’ and why is each one important for a healthy spiritual life?

3) What is the big ‘don’t’ and why do you think Paul hits this so hard?

4) What is one joy you are experiencing in your life at the moment?

5) What is one situation in your life that is causing anxiety and tension?

6) Describe a time when you prayerfully surrendered a tough situation to God and experienced a clear sense of God’s peace?



Is there anything you most want to put into practice as a result of this study?