

Sermon: Giving From Living in Koinonia
Series: *Koinonia*

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20.
Date: January 31, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read Philippians 4:18-20. What do we learn about our relationship with God from these verses? Do you see yourself as needing God (does he “supply all your needs”)? What do you need from him?

b) Why is it so important that we understand God’s grace toward us as sinners before we can understand how and why we give.

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) How would you describe/define the church? What is church to you? Read Philippians 1:5, 7, 27, 29. How do these verses help you think about what church is supposed to be?

b) What wrong attitudes about giving might you need to confess (see Phil. 3:19-20).

c) Phil. 1:27 says that we are “striving side by side for the gospel,” or “contending” for the gospel. How does our giving connect with this idea of “striving side by side for the gospel?”

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read Philippians 3:10-14. Read 4:17. Think about how these two ideas connect – the prize and the “fruit” or “profit.” How does our giving allow us to experience fellowship with Christ and his grace? How does it allow us to fellowship with his suffering?

APPLICATION

a) What attitude or action might need to change in order for you to see your giving as “fellowship in the suffering of Christ?”

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 John 1:3-7.

PRAYER

Praise God for his gracious giving to you. Admit your need of him.
Confess ways that you have failed to embrace giving or made your giving about your own agenda.
Ask God to use your giving as partnership with the church for the gospel, and as a way to fellowship with the suffering of Christ.