

#FIGHTFORIT

A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

Week 8 | #fightforit | May 22

Key Focus: #fightforit with prayer.

Opening Up:

- When you were in middle or high school what trendy thing did you really, really want? Did you get it? Explain.
- When you were in middle or high school what did you really, really want to be good at? Were you good at it? Explain.
- If you were introducing the group to your middle or high school self as a guest, how would you describe that person?

Reference: Philippians 4:2-9

Discuss:

1. Someone once said that Christianity has not been tried and fallen short; it's been found difficult and left untried. Do you agree with this statement? How might it be true?
2. God's grace doesn't just apply to your spiritual life; God's grace applies to your practical life. How have you found God's grace to be gracious to you in your practice life?
3. In verses 2 and 3 we see that the two ladies who have conflict are instructed to agree in the Lord, to be helped by a church leader or mentor, and to be helped by others in the church. Why do people need mentors and community? What happens when people do not have effective and godly leaders in their lives?
4. Why is it easier to make a change in your private life when you have enlisted the help of others in your public life?
5. Discipleship is evangelizing the heart and mind of others. Discipleship is moving from unbelief to belief in every area of life. Our unbelief usually centers around our control versus God's control, or doubt about the goodness and power of God. How does unbelief show up in your life? How does the gospel help?
6. Are there areas of unbelief in your life right now? Explain. How can the gospel help?
7. Why is it possible for the Christian to always have a reason to rejoice? (v. 4)
8. Why does this broken world not have the power to break you? How does looking to Jesus broken on the cross and raised from the dead encourage you?
9. A disciple is moving from anxiety to prayer. How is prayer the antidote to anxiety? (v. 6)
10. How has God's peace guarded your heart? Do you have a story? (v. 7)
11. In verse 8 we are challenged to think a certain way. What needs to change about your thinking? How do you personally manage the ideas that get into your head?
12. Pray.