

***Partners in Christ***  
**Philippians study guide #9**  
**Philippians 4:2-9 – lead up to May 13<sup>th</sup>**

1. Read the passage aloud as a group in a few different translations – with an ear to the heart of what Paul is saying in this passage.
  - What verses, words or ideas most grab your attention and why?
  - What in this passage is an encouragement or challenge to you and why?
  
2. In v.2-3, Paul gets really personal and speaks directly to two members of the Philippian congregation, pleading with them to seek unity in heart and mind.
  - In reading this address to others, does anyone come to mind within the life of the church (Lambrick and beyond) that God is inviting, even pleading for you to seek reconciliation – unity of heart and mind?
    - Take some time as a group and pray for one another in this regard.
  
3. In v.6-7, Paul talks about anxiety, prayer, and the peace of God.
  - Can you think of an experience of anxiety where God gave you a peace that transcended understanding?
  
  - What are you anxious about these days?
    - Spend some time sharing with one another and praying together.
  
4. In v.8, Paul instructs us to focus our minds on “*whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable...*”
  - How seriously do we take this instruction in our own lives?
  - What does this look like in the midst of a world captivated with the inane, the untrue, the perverse, and the distorted?
  - How do or can we do this? How can we help one another in pursuit?

**PRAY:** Take the rest of the time to pray together for one another and for our church in the light of all that has been shared. -----