

## The Way to Live

When did you receive a great gift? Where is a peaceful place for you?

Read Philippians 1:1-2:11.

1. Why start with a prayer for Paul's readers to receive "grace and peace"?
  - A. It's what the world needed then, and what it also needs now.
  - B. "Grace" is the New Testament key word, and "Peace" is the Old Testament key word.
  - C. This was the code used to identify yourself as a follower of Jesus.
  - D. It's like saying, "Happy Sabbath," or "God bless."
  - E. Paul always started his letters this way.
  - F. It's important to identify the true source of grace and peace.
  - G. Paul had the power to pass these along.
  - H. These are supernatural gifts from God that Paul highly values.
  - I. Other.
  
2. Finish this sentence about others in your group: Every time I think of you, I:
  - A. Rejoice.
  - B. Weep.
  - C. Thank God.
  - D. Gossip.
  - E. Worry.
  - F. Feel jealous.
  - G. Pray.
  - H. Wonder what you think of me.
  - I. Other.
  
3. Who has partnered with you in spreading the Good News about Christ?
  - A. I don't really do much to spread the Good News.
  - B. I primarily work solo.
  - C. Fellow church members.
  - D. My friends.
  - E. Hardly anybody.
  - F. Someone in my family.
  - G. People I connect with on social media.
  - H. I expect others to talk about Jesus; not me.
  - I. Other.

4. How does your love for others overflow “more and more” (1:9)?
  - A. It doesn't.
  - B. I just pass on the love God has given me.
  - C. If others show me some love, they are more likely to get some love.
  - D. It's like the seasons—wet, dry, cold, warm (it varies).
  - E. It takes a lot of discipline and purposeful planning on my part.
  - F. I pick and choose who I love, and who I love in an overflowing way.
  - G. I need to get more love in order for it to overflow more and more.
  - H. Other.
  
5. What are examples of your experiences of suffering for Christ?
  - A. I haven't.
  - B. Nobody knows the trouble I've seen!
  - C. Torture or prison.
  - D. Financial insecurity.
  - E. Loss of reputation.
  - F. Feelings of rejection.
  - G. When someone sits in my spot at church and I have to sit elsewhere.
  - H. Other.
  
6. How would you describe “the mind of Christ” (2:5)?
  - A. Humble.
  - B. Confident.
  - C. Very, very smart.
  - D. Sacrificial.
  - E. Obedient.
  - F. Out of this world, and yet active in this world.
  - G. Unselfish.
  - H. Full of hope.
  - I. Other.
  
7. What has God already done in your life? What is God still working on in your life (2:6)?
  
  
8. What risks has Christ taken for you? What risks have you taken for Christ? What risks will you take for Christ? When? Where? Why?