

Group Guide December 2011 Philippians



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How To Use this Guide:

Welcome to IronMen! This "Group Guide" is created for you to stick in your Bible, take notes during teaching times, personal study times and during the time you will be meeting with the guys in your group.

Here are some suggestions for each section:

Large Group Teaching Notes:

Don't try and write down everything the teacher says, rather write down statements you see as important. Write down any action steps you hear (or you come up with on your own). Also, capture any passages you might want to go back to. In case of boredom, you can use this section for doodling.

Personal Study:

There is a Personal Study page for each of the next 4 weeks. Each week has a passage or chapters assigned to read & study (sometimes a whole book!). Use this space to journal any thoughts as you take time to read through the assigned chapters for that week. These are YOUR notes. You can share them if you want or keep them to yourself...up to you.

Group Time:

Again, 4 pages...1 for each week. This has a suggested passage and study for your IronMen Group to discuss. Read the passage together and then ask the questions provided (or come up with your own!). Who leads this part? You can take turns each week or if your group has a designated leader, he can. You have the freedom to do this how you wish!

You also have accountability questions that ask what it takes to be an "IronMan". Talk about these questions with your group. You may not be ready for all the questions in your first month or two, but our hope is as men you can sharpen one another in these areas. Following the study and accountability questions...close in prayer and consider praying for one another.

Group Time Week 4:

Passage to Study: Philippians 4:4-7

Questions:

1. Your "gentleness" should be evident to all. How does that work?
2. What creates anxiety for you? How do you turn those over to God in prayer?
3. How does this guard your mind and heart?

Accountability:

- 1) How are you following God and leading others?
- 2) How are you loving your wife and children?
- 3) How are you doing at work?
- 4) Are you living confidently, courageously and taking risks for God?
- 5) Have you kept your eyes, mind and heart pure?
- 6) Have you put the needs of others first?

Prayer for One Another:

Personal Study – Week 4
Philippians 4

Large Group Teaching Notes:

Personal Study – Week 1

Philippians 1

Group Time Week 3:

Passage to Study: Philippians 3:12–16

Questions:

- 1. How are you pursuing growth in your relationship with Christ?**
- 2. What does it mean to “press on”?**
- 3. How are you living “to what we have already attained”?**

Accountability:

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Prayer for One Another:

Personal Study – Week 3

Philippians 3

Group Time Week 1:

Passage to Study: Philippians 1:20–26

Questions:

- 1. Paul has put his life on the line for the Gospel, what risk have you taken lately for God?**
- 2. What assurance did Paul have in regards to death?**
- 3. How can you encourage others by your life?**

Accountability:

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Prayer for One Another:

Personal Study – Week 2

Philippians 2

Group Time Week 2:

Passage to Study: Philippians 2:1–4

Questions:

- 1. What are the “if” statements in these verses? The “then” statements?**
- 2. Why would these impact Paul’s “joy”?**
- 3. Discuss each attribute Paul lists and how you are living those out.**

Accountability:

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