



HOUSE CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 19th

In Lockdown: 8 weeks in Philippians – Week 1, “Gratitude in Lockdown”

- **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- If you haven't read it yet, [Click here](#) for the guide of “How to do House Church.” Content, updates, and archives will be uploaded weekly at www.tumcdan.org

- **WORSHIP** 10-15 minutes

(Use all of these elements for worship or choose the parts that work best for you)

- **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

Response: **I will say it again, rejoice! The Lord is near.**

Leader: Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Response: **And the God of peace will be with you.**

- **Music:**

View these songs on YouTube and sing along with the lyrics. If someone in your family or group is musical, they can also lead the songs without videos

“Raise a Hallelujah”

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

- **Psalm 133 Reading:**

(This is a good alternative if you cannot do the musical option. Read together or alternate each verse, Leader and Response. Speak these words of worship with joy and passion!)

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¹ How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

² **It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.**

³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Amen

- **KIDS** 30-40 minutes

(If there are children in your House Church, you can add in these songs and participate in the ActivateKidz Video message from Miss Emily. You can also do the ActivateKidz lesson anytime!)

- **Songs:**

- **"King of Me"** [Click here for Video](#)

- **"My Lighthouse"** [Click here for Video](#)

- **ActivateKidz Video Lesson:**

- [Click here](#) for the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel to find this week's lesson!

- **SCRIPTURE** 5 minutes

(Have one person read out loud or choose a different reader for each passage)

- **Philippians 1:1-11** (New International Version)

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons^a:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

- **MESSAGE** 20 minutes

- [Click here](#) to view the video of Pastor David's message for this week

- [Click here](#) to view written notes from the message

- **DISCUSSION** 15-20 minutes

(Use these questions to connect with your group, reflect, and apply this week's message to life.

You don't have to get through every question, just choose the ones that connect with your group.)

- How is everyone doing? What have been the highs and lows of your week?

- What about today's message inspired or resonated with you? What challenged or confused you?

- Have someone reread Phil. 1:1-11, we're going to spend some time studying and discussing this passage. What stuck out to you the most in this week's readings?

Was there a certain passage that grabbed you, a particular insight that moved you, or a specific question you're wrestling with this week?

- In the opening of this letter, what are some of the convictions that Paul expresses? What are his reasons for joy?
- What about your local church and your Christian brothers and sisters gives you joy and gratitude?
- Reflect on the idea of "partnership" in verse 5. N.T. Wright says,
"This letter is all about *partnership* (v. 5), one of the most important words in Paul's vocabulary. It is sometimes translated *fellowship*, but it clearly has a practical, even financial, implication which our word *fellowship* doesn't always carry. Although it develops particular Christian meanings, including the delighted sharing of worship, prayer, and mutual support in friendship, in Paul's world it was the normal word for a business partnership, in which all those involved would share in doing the work..."
(N.T. Wright For Everyone Bible Study Guides, © 2009 IVP Connect).

Consider your Christian community: would you say that your church family is in partnership for the Gospel, or is your fellowship more social?

- Reflecting on verse 6, how is it easy or hard for you to trust God to complete the word He's started in you or in others? Why?
- Verse 11 talks about overflowing with "the fruit of righteousness" or "right living." What are some of the fruits of right living? What specific examples have you witnessed during this lockdown?

- **PRAYER** 10-15 minutes

- Spend time sharing your prayer requests (personal petitions, intercession for the community and the world). It can be helpful to write these down and share them with the group to pray throughout the week.
- Use the "P.R.A.Y." model to pray together. One leader can facilitate this prayer time by talking through each portion and giving the group space to pray. We encourage your group to pray out loud together for the various requests during the "Ask" portion, but it's also ok to let this be a time of silent prayer where each member can petition and intercede in their own heart.

Pause – Be still, rest in silence, focus yourself on God's presence – in your heart you can say a simple phrase like, "My God and my all"

Rejoice – Lift up your praises for God's presence and God's blessings

Ask – Pray for the various requests mentioned as a group

Yield (or "Yes" for kids) – Surrender to God's power and God's will, yield to God's presence, contemplate his glory

- **Close with the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- **GIVING** 3 minutes

(We are so grateful for the generosity of God's people supporting His work! We understand that it is not feasible for everyone at this time; whatever your circumstance, rest in the fact that God loves you and will lead you!)

- **Electronic Giving**

[Click here](#) for secure, easy electronic giving or use your smartphone to text "tumcdan" to 77977
You can also mail your offering to: Trinity UMC, 84 Lombard Avenue, Danville, PA 17821

- **Love in Action Fund**

Our Love in Action Fund exists to support members of our community, our childcare, and our congregation with practical support as a demonstration of the love of God.

- **Offering Prayer**

Lord, as you have given yourself so freely to us, we give ourselves to you. May our lives be a living sacrifice. We give for the sake of your Church and for the sake of the world which you so love. Receive our simple gifts of time, talents, and treasures in the name of Jesus, for your glory. We ask you to multiply these gifts for the advance of your Kingdom, for the Awakening of our community, and for the restoration of our world. Amen.

- **NEXT STEPS** 5 minutes

- **To download the Daily Text Guide for week 2** [Click Here](#)

- This breaks down each week's passage into daily verses to help you to read, meditate, pray, and live out the Word—it takes as little as 5-10 minutes a day!

- **Are you ready to try a Discipleship Band? Learn more and start to form yours this week!** Discipleship Bands are a historic, transformative, yet simple way to grow as followers of Christ through intentional, in-depth connection with a few other Christians. It's as simple as this:

- EVERYTHING you need can be found here - <https://discipleshipbands.com/>
- Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityDiscipleshipBands> to join the Facebook Group or (if you don't have Facebook) email Pastor David at DLayser@susumc.org.
- 3-5 believers (of the same gender) choose to form a band. Discipleship Bands are meant for committed, growing Christians who are ready to interact in a mature and trusting way. It's important that everyone involved is there with a desire to engage this process. You can choose your own group, or we can help you get one started.
- Pick a regular time (preferably once a week) to connect via phone / video call (or in-person when the restrictions are lifted)
- Take 30 minutes to an hour (usually depending on group size) to connect with the same easy format each week (no prep required)—1) A brief opening prayer and Scripture, 2) Each member sharing (voluntarily, only what is desired) their answers to 3-5 questions that have to do with how you are *really* doing in your soul, where the Holy Spirit might be working in your life, your struggles and victories, your temptations and shortcomings, and 3) members pray specifically for one another to close.

- **SHARE!**

- **Keep sharing pictures and testimonies of your House Church** with us—we love seeing your stories and sharing them with the Church! Share on Facebook or email Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net