



## HOUSE CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>

In Lockdown: 8 weeks in Philippians – Week 2, “The Gospel in Lockdown”

- **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- [Click here](#) for the guide of “How to do House Church.” Weekly content, updates, and archives can be at [tumcdan.org](http://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

**“In Christ Alone”**

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

**“Build My Life”**

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

- **Psalm 27 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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<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

<sup>10</sup> **Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.**

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup> **Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.**

<sup>13</sup> I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

**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:**

- “True North” [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 1:12-26** (New International Version)

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. <sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I

rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup>I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup>I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup>but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

- **MESSAGE** 25 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. 1:12-26, 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?
- Looking at Phil. 1:12-14 – have you ever experienced a trial in your life or in someone else's story where it could be said, "what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel"? What was that experience like? How, if at all, do you see that dynamic playing out in our current global circumstances?
- Phil. 1:15-18 – What is more important, the message, or the motive? What present day examples do you see in the church where motives can help or hinder the advance of the Gospel?
- Phil. 1:18-24 – How does this passage hit you? "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."
- Phil. 1:25-26 – In this season, how are you honestly doing with your "progress and joy in the faith" and what relationships and practices are helping you?

- **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 3 [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!

○ **Here it is again: an invitation to consider Discipleship Bands! In fact, we are challenging everyone to *at least* learn more about this and try it out during our lockdown for a set timeframe of just 1 – 2 months, think of it as an experiment in discipleship or a trial run during a time when we need connection more than ever.**

▪ 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](mailto: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](mailto:Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net)