



HOUSE CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

In Lockdown: 8 weeks in Philippians – Week 5, "Children of God in Lockdown"

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

 <u>Click here</u> for the guide of "How to do House Church." Weekly content, updates, and archives can be at <u>tumcdan.org</u>

• NEW HOUSE CHURCH FORMAT!

 From now on, you'll see some new faces in our House Church video every week! In addition to Pastor David's message, we'll have different members of our church sharing music, scripture, prayers, and more! Would you like to share a video for worship (or come to the church for us to film)? Let us know! Email <u>Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net</u>

<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u>

- 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.
- WORSHIP & MESSAGE VIDEO 40 minutes
 - Video:

<u>Click here</u> to view the full House Church video (Scripture, Prayer, Music, & Message) *details below*

• Scripture & Prayer:

Randy Huber reads Philippians 2:12-30 and shares a prayer

• Music:

This week, the Zeeks are leading us in these songs of worship. Use the lyrics below to sing along!

"Good Grace"

CCLI Song # 7122177 Joel Houston © 2018 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

VERSE 1

People come together Strange as neighbors our blood is one Children of generations Of every nation of Kingdom come

CHORUS

Don't let your heart be troubled Hold your head up high don't fear no evil

Fix your eyes on this one truth God is madly in love with you Take courage hold on be strong Remember where our help comes from

VERSE 2

Jesus our redemption Our salvation is in His blood Jesus Light of heaven Friend forever His Kingdom come

BRIDGE

Swing wide all you heavens Let the praise go up as the walls come down All creation everything with breath repeat the sound All His children clean hands pure hearts Good grace good God His Name is Jesus

"He has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)"

CCLI Song # 1493 Leona Von Brethorst © 1976 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing

VERSE

I will enter His gates With thanksgiving in my heart I will enter His courts with praise I will say this is the day That the Lord has made I will rejoice For He has made me glad

CHORUS

He has made me glad He has made me glad I will rejoice for He has made me glad He has made me glad He has made me glad I will rejoice for He has made me glad

• Message:

Pastor David teaches on Philippians 2:12-30 for week 5 of In Lockdown: "Children of God in Lockdown" Click here to view written notes from the message

• New Songs to Learn:

Here are two new songs we'll be introducing in the future "Hallelujah Here Below" <u>Click here for Video</u> "You Deserve it All" Click here for Video

• <u>KIDS</u> 15-20 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:

"Who You Say I Am" <u>Click here for Video</u> "My Lighthouse" <u>Click here for Video</u>

ActivateKidz Video Lesson:
 <u>Click here</u> for the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel to find this week's lesson!

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>

• Philippians 2:12-30 (New International Version)

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. ¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. ¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. ²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

• **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.)

- $\circ~$ 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. 2:12-30. 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?
- Phil 2:12-13 When Paul uses the phrase "fear and trembling," as it is often translated, he means with "utter seriousness." What would it mean for you to work out the practical implications of your salvation in this way?

- Phil. 2:14-16 When Paul speaks of them shining like stars in the sky, he is quoting a passage from the book of Daniel (12:3) which speaks of "the wise"—those Israelites skilled in knowing and applying God's Word. Who comes to mind as examples of such lights?
- Phil. 2:18 What gives Paul cause to celebrate? Whose faith and what other blessings do you celebrate today?
- Phil. 2:19-30 How do Timothy and Epaphroditus serve as models of living for Christ—of everything shared from Philippians 1:27-2:11?
- Phil. 2:25-27 We're talking a lot about Paul's joy, peace, and contentment and the mindset believers should. How does Paul show his vulnerability in this passage? How do we balance the acceptance of life's great challenges with the profound hope available in Christ, without being fake or ignoring our humanity?
- Who has been a Paul in your life? Who has been a Timothy or Epaphroditus in your life?
- Pastor David challenged us to remember that the Church is not about one or two key leaders or personalities, but the whole Body—ever member. What does this mean for us in a time like this?

PRAYER 10-15 minutes

- Spend time sharing your prayer requests, 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.

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

• 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.

• **<u>GIVING</u>** 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

<u>Click here</u> 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.

o 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

- Stay tuned! As we adapt to the Yellow Phase of restrictions in Montour County, we have some new opportunities in process which we'll share soon!
- To download the Daily Text Guide for week 6 Click Here
- Discipleship Bands: we are challenging everyone to try a Discipleship Band during our lockdown for at least 1 – 2 months. We are already hearing great testimonies from the bands that have started!
 - Watch PastorDavid's introduction here <u>https://youtu.be/ho5ouTJfOvg</u>
 - EVERYTHING you need can be found here <u>https://discipleshipbands.com/</u>
 - Go to <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityDiscipleshipBands</u> to join the Facebook Group or (if you don't have Facebook) email Pastor David at <u>DLayser@susumc.org</u>.

• <u>SHARE!</u>

 Keep sharing pictures and testimonies of your House Church, Discipleship Bands, and other experiences! This allows us to continue to encourage the whole Body of Christ each week in our newsletter and social media. Share on Facebook or email <u>Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net</u>