

Community Group Discussion Questions

Moraga Valley Church | Sunday, November 10, 2024

The Joy-Filled Life: A Study in Philippians | "Joy in Godly Thinking"

Read Philippians 4:8-9

1. Augustine said, "Peace is the tranquility of order." What areas of disorder in your life tend to rob you of peace? How does this connect to Paul's teaching about bringing our anxieties to God?
2. The sermon mentioned how we often have trouble holding both truth and nobility in tension (like helping the poor while being concerned about how they might use the money). Share a time when you've experienced this tension in your own life. How did you navigate it?
3. Brandon talked about "unlearning" old thought patterns. Which of Paul's qualities in Philippians 4:8 (true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable) do you find most challenging to focus on, and why?
4. Paul suggests finding someone to emulate who thinks godly thoughts. Outside of Jesus, who has been that person for you? What specific qualities or practices did you observe in them that helped shape your own thinking?
5. The sermon contrasted two false views of Jesus - the "Divisive Jesus" that leads to taking sides, and the "Distant Jesus" that feeds anxiety. Which of these distortions do you find yourself more vulnerable to? What practices help you maintain a true view of Jesus?