



Smoky Hill Vineyard

04.11.10 GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Philippians 4:4-9

GROUP BUILDER

What is a key Bible verse that you rely on? How does it encourage you when things don't go as you plan?

REFLECTION

When it comes to rejoicing in all circumstances, what new understanding about yourself did you gain through this weekend's message?

DEEPER (Large Group Discussion)

Why do you think that knowing and believing that Jesus Christ is Lord over all gives us reason to "*rejoice in the Lord always*"?

In what way has God helped you in understanding His purpose in allowing difficult circumstances that you have been through?

How can unfair treatment from others or unfair situations be an opportunity for us to grow spiritually? In responding to unfairness, how can we have the "gentleness" that Philippians 4:5 talks about? (Hint: see Galatians 5:22-23). Why might the Lord remind us—within the context of our response to unfair situations or unfair treatment from others—that "*the Lord is near*"?

APPLICATION (In groups of 3 or 4)

What have you learned from someone else and when you put it into practice has led to greater peace in your life?

In what areas of your life does worrying produce adverse effects on your thoughts, your productivity, your health, or how you treat others? How might you choose to respond differently?

In what situation would you currently benefit from experiencing God's peace? Pray for one another to receive the peace of God which transcends your understanding. Wait on the Lord until you receive his peace.



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