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PROMISE #2: If you are _____ for nothing, prayerful in everything, and _____ for anything - the peace of God will guard your heart and mind.

b) Biblical _____ is to fill your mind with Scripture and thoughts about God.

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- Your _____, not _____
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PROMISE #1: God is WITH us and coming back SOON

a) Our prayer should include WORSHIP, requests, and THANKSGIVING

PROMISE #2: If you are ANXIOUS for nothing, prayerful in everything, and THANKFUL for anything - the peace of God will guard your heart and mind.

b) Biblical MEDITATION is to fill your mind with Scripture and thoughts about God.

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PROMISE #3: Whatever God tells you to do, He also enables you to do in HIS STRENGTH

PROMISE #4: God shall supply all your NEED according to His riches

- Your NEEDS, not WANTS
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works. ... [97] Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. ... [148] My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word."

Psalm 143:5 - "[5] I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands."

What are some specific works or words of God that are helpful for you to meditate on?

GET PRACTICAL

Do you have any practical techniques to help you remember or focus on these thoughts?

9) What do you think it looks like to "boast in your infirmities", as Paul says in the following verse?
2 Corinthians 12:9 - "And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

10) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of October 1, 2023

MY STORY

1) What is your favorite verse in Philippians? Why do you like it so much?

As we finish our study through Philippians, what is something you have learned or something that has stood out to you?

QUICK REVIEW

2) **Read aloud Philippians 4:4-23.** What stood out to you from this passage or Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

3) This week we read how Paul learned to be content in all circumstances. Do you think it is easier to love God in poverty or in riches? Why?

4) What stands out to you from the following passage?

Revelation 3:17-20 - "[17] "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-- [18] "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in

the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. [19] "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. [20] "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

The above is part of Jesus' letter to the church of Laodicea. What do you think was the problem in this church?

Why do you think Jesus wrote this warning to them?

What can you learn from this passage?

5) What themes/ideas do you see in the following passage?

Psalm 23:1-6 - "[1] A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. [3] He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. [4] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. [5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."

Compare this passage with the four promises of God on your notesheet. What similarities do you see?

6) What stands out to you from the following passage?
(Jesus is talking to Peter, while John stands nearby)

John 21:18-22 - "[18] "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." [19] This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." [20] Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" [21] Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" [22] Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.""

What does this passage teach you to do or remember?

7) Imagine a friend said to you, "Why should I pray? God already knows what I need!" How would you encourage them? How might you help change their focus?

8) Read the following passages.

Psalm 119:27, 97, 148 - "[27] Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful