



April 8

In our series "Sessions" we take time to learn from one of the more influential leaders in the faith: Paul. This month we continue to move through the book of Philippians with part 2 of Sessions. This weeks message is titled "God-Given Confidence" we see Paul has pure joy because of the confidence that God has given him. This confidence made him a God-first person and Others-first person. **What We See:** When Jesus is central in our lives, we are given a confidence that we cannot produce ourselves. Christ being honored is all we will care about.

Lesson Prep:

Main Bible Passages: Phil. 1:19-26

Prep Questions:

- Read Phil 1:19-26, As Paul writes these verses he is in prison. How is he able to have confidence both in life and death?
- When you are in hard situations how is your confidence in God affected?
 - What does confidence in Christ look like? How do you develop this?

Special Note: This week we will provide a sheet of paper to help your breakout group create different real life relatable situations students face. As you create these situations, please take time to answer the following questions. If a student wants to share a real life situation they are facing, please discuss this. This form is a conversation starter.

Breakout discussion (20 Min):

- How can God show up in this situation?
- What do you think this person should be praying during this time?
 - How can God give us confidence in this situation?
- Why is God given confidence needed if we want to feel joy even in hard times?
 - What is joy and how is it different than happiness?
- How can we experience joy in hard times because of our confidence from God?

Next Steps (5 Min): Each student is currently working through something in their life, that is real and they need to find Gods truth to find an answer. Allow time for students to think about this and share. This may mean you take 2-3 in silence until a student shares.

Prayer (2 Min): Finish by collecting prayer requests, have a student close time in prayer.

Situation Work Up

This is intended to help begin the conversation as a group. Looking at real life situations and trying to figure out how God-Given Confidence changes how we react and find joy in hard situations. Once students open up about things they are facing, you can move away from this form and into the conversation.

1. Question to start (pick 1)

- What are real life difficult situations your generation faces at school?
- What are real life difficult situations your generation faces at home?
- What are real life difficult situations your generation faces when friends are hanging out?

2. How does your generation feel when they are facing this situation?

3. How do your friends react in these situations?

4. How can God show up in this situation and change these emotions with confidence?

5. How would that situation shift and change with God given confidence influencing the outcome?