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Ways To Participate In Christ's Mission 02-09-25 WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online,

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Opening Prayer: Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to us how to know Christ in a deeper way.

WELCOME (15 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

Ice-breaker: Why do you think fulfilling God's plan and purpose for our lives brings contentment? What makes you say that?"

Quote: "Because of their generosity, God will supply for their needs."

WORD(30-45 MINS) Text:PHILIPPIANS 4:10-19

Intro: Last week, we learned that prayer is essential in the Lord's mission, including praying for workers and those serving. Today, we'll focus on supporting those involved in the harvest, and while Paul didn't request financial support, it's biblical to pray for God's provision for ministries and missionaries.

1. Harvesters/Missionaries Have Needs - Read vv. 11-13)

Even though Paul was content in every situation, whether in need or abundance, he still had needs. Paul wasn't begging for help but acknowledged that those who serve God have real needs.

o Many missionaries and ministers today rely on God's provision, and He often uses people to meet their needs.

Q: Is there something else missing in your life? If there is, what's missing? If you will have it, will it now bring you contentment and satisfaction?

Q: What is one thing I can sacrifice to help a missionary? (e.g., skipping a coffee per week to donate \$5/month)

Life Group Idea: Create a missionary support jar where members can collect small offerings together and bring these jars to missions organizations you want to support.

2. Missionaries Will Appreciate Our Support - Read vv. 14, 17-18)

Those working in the Lord's harvest field, whether they express it or not, will deeply appreciate support from generous believers, seeing it as a miracle from God. Our financial support will encourage them to persevere in serving, knowing God has touched people to help them. Paul himself prioritized pleasing the Lord over receiving support from others.

Q: How do you think missionaries or ministry workers feel when they receive support from believers, even if they don't ask for it?

Q: Why do you think Paul focused more on pleasing the Lord than receiving support from others?

Q: How do we feel when someone unexpectedly helps you out during our financial need?

We are challenged to spread the Good News by supporting those in the mission field, supporting their needs, and bringing joy to God's heart. This will lead to thanksgiving and praise to God.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-13 NIV

Leader's Tips:

- S - Sensitivity. No one should feel left out.
- P - Participation is encouraged.
- A - Acknowledge. Make guests feel welcomed.
- C - Confidentiality. What is shared stays in the group.
- E - Encouragement. Be a blessing to one another.

3. When we help missionaries meet their needs, we can trust that the Lord will also provide for ours – Read v.19

Paul assures those who have been generous that God will also provide for their needs. God's provision is abundant. He meets needs not according to human abilities but according to His supernatural provision in Christ.

Q: How does knowing God provides for our needs motivate us about supporting missionaries?

Q: Why do you think God promises to meet our needs when we help others?

Q: How can we trust God to provide for our own needs when we choose to be generous even with the little that we have, especially when we financially support missionaries?

The promise that God will meet all our needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus is not for everybody, it was Paul's response to those who supported his ministry financially.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Conclusion:

Always remember, when we put God first, He will take good care of us.

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." **Matthew 6:33**

NLT

Partner with someone and pray for the following:

1. Ask God how we can support those already serving in the harvest field.
2. Seek God's guidance on which missionaries or ministries we can regularly support, in addition to giving our tithes and offerings to our local church.

What is your take-away from this lesson?

WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask "what can I pray for you?"

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.

Y- Yearn to share your faith with someone during the week.