

## STUDY GUIDE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

**Monday** – Three words were used in the message on Sunday to describe ways that God works in our lives. Intervention is when God comes in and changes the circumstances and does something only God can do. **Read Acts 16:23-26.** How did God intervene? Has God ever intervened in your life? Interaction is where God empowers us to do something in the situation. **Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.** God comforts us so in our struggles which empowers us to be a comfort to others. When have you been empowered to share love, joy, mercy, etc with someone to help change their situation? Inner Action is when God doesn't change the circumstances; God changes us from the inside out. God changes our attitude or vision about something. We are going to be looking at this aspect over the next several days.

**Tuesday – Read Philippians 1:12-21.** What do you think imprisonment would do to you emotionally, spiritually, physically? What is Paul's attitude? What are the sources of strength Paul talks about? Even though the path he sees ahead of him could lead to death, what does Paul say about it? How do you think God flattens the mountain for Paul in this case, intervention, interaction, or inner action?

**Wednesday – Read Philippians 4:4-7.** What are your anxieties? What do these verses tell us to do with our anxieties? What does God promise as a trade? How is the rejoicing and gentleness of verses 4-5 connected to this peace? In what ways does God's peace "guard" your heart and mind?

**Thursday – Read Philippians 4:8-13.** Paul repeats phrases beginning with "whatever". Why do you think that is? Why is putting our faith/knowledge into practice significant for contentment? What in your life brings contentment beyond circumstances? How often do you draw on Jesus' power to find contentment? What difference do you notice in your life when you're content?

**Friday – Read Romans 8:24-27.** What are some things you are hoping in that you don't see yet? Take that question well beyond life's comforts and challenge yourself to think about the kind of hopes that bring wholeness and contentment. Whether or not what you are hoping for ever becomes reality, what comforts do you receive from verses 26-27? How do these verses relate to "intervention, interact, or inner act"?

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### **Health & Healing**

Bill Christman, Lacie Adler, Carrol Skelton, Linda York, Changler Watson, Donna Watson, Lexi Vazquez, Phyllis Miller

#### **Cancer Treatment**

Easton Murdock, Joey Walker, Bob Benefiel, Sarah Burkybile, Marvin Waugh, Kathy Yost

#### **Serving in the Military**

James, Simone and Bryndal Lesmeister

#### **Grief**

The family of **Stephen Parker**

#### **Other Concerns**

Noah & Natalie Soriano, Jason Istas, The Yost family, Austin Lewis, Melissa Thompson Thompson, Ron & Bonnie Curtis