

**Royal Redeemer
Going Deeper Guide**

Based on the sermon for September 17, 2023:
Headspace: I Don't Have Enough

**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with CGS Community or family**



- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - How do generosity and abundance appear in your life right now? Is there an area where you are feeling like you don't have enough?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. 17 Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. 18 I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:15-20

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What is the context of Philippians 4:15-20 within the letter to the Philippians? How does this passage relate to the overall message of the letter?
- In verse 15, Paul mentions the Philippians' partnership in the gospel from the beginning of their relationship. What does this partnership entail, and how does it reflect the nature of Christian fellowship and support?
- Paul expresses gratitude for the financial support he received from the Philippians. How does this support align with the principle of supporting those in ministry? What lessons can modern-day Christians draw from this regarding giving and receiving in the church?
- In verse 18, Paul talks about being well supplied and having received full payment. How does this relate to his previous discussions on contentment in Philippians (e.g., Philippians 4:11-13)? What is the connection between contentment and the provision of needs?
- What does Paul mean when he says that the Philippians' gift is a "fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (verse 18)? How does this imagery reflect the spiritual significance of their giving?
- Reflect on Paul's statement in verse 19, "And my God will supply every need of yours according

to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." What is the significance of relying on God's provision, and how does this encourage believers to trust in God's faithfulness?

- o Paul expresses thanksgiving and glory to God in verse 20. How does this attitude of thanksgiving relate to the broader themes of joy and rejoicing that appear throughout the letter to the Philippians?
- o How does the principle of sowing and reaping, as discussed in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, relate to the idea of the Philippians' generosity and the blessings they receive in return?
- o How can the principles and attitudes expressed in Philippians 4:15-20 inform the practice of giving and supporting ministry in today's church? How can we apply these principles in our own lives?
- o In what ways can you personally apply the lessons from Philippians 4:15-20 in your own life? How does this passage inspire you to approach giving, gratitude, and reliance on God's provision?

- **SERVE** *others*

Just as the Philippians supported Paul in his mission, let us also support one another and those in need. In doing so, we not only meet practical needs but also experience the abundant blessings that flow from a heart inclined to give. How can you allow God's love and provision flow through you into the world this week?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**

Heavenly Father, in gratitude and joy, we come before you. Just as the Philippians supported Paul in his ministry, we thank you for the blessings you have poured into our lives. You have provided for us abundantly, not only materially but also spiritually and emotionally.

Help us, Lord, to be looking for ways to share our resources, love, and support with others in need. Teach us the beauty of generosity, for we know that all we have ultimately comes from you. Let our giving be a reflection of your grace and an expression of our faith.

As we sow seeds of kindness, may you multiply them for the benefit of those around us and for the advancement of your kingdom. We trust in your promise that our needs will be met according to your riches in glory through Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.