

ReJOYce in the Lord
Life Group Questions – October 23, 2011
Pastor Steve – (Philippians 2:14-18)



Connect

1. Think through the past week...where was one area of your life that you found yourself grumbling or complaining?

Study

1. Do you agree with Steve that complaining is everywhere in our culture today? Why do you think this is since we have so much?
2. Read Philippians 2:14-18. Why do you think the Bible warns against complaining so much?
3. Have you ever been in a "spiritual desert"? Describe it. Do you believe there is a correlation between the attitudes we choose and the joy we experience in our relationship with the Lord?
4. Instead of grumbling with God about their lot in life, Paul urged the Philippians to remember their mission. What exactly was their calling? vv. 15-16. What is our purpose in this world as Christians? Do you find joy in that? Why or why not?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:9-17 together as a group. How does this verse help us understand what it means to "shine like stars?"
6. If someone were to look at your life, would they see a "shining light" or something else? How can we most effectively hold out "the word of life" as individuals and as a church? How would this look practically in your life?
7. Why does "complaining and arguing" not belong in the church? How can we guard against this with each other Cherry Hills?
8. This passage ends on a note of celebration (vv. 17-18). What gives Paul cause to celebrate?
9. According to what we've been learning in Philippians 2, where does joy really come from? Do we really believe it's true?
10. In what specific situations today do you need to make a concerted effort not to grumble or complain? (Note: You're answer might be the same one you gave in the *Connect* question.) (Note 2: NO ONE should say they do not struggle with this - we all have situations where we complain!) What is your plan for putting to death the habit of complaining?

Pray

How can you pray for each other this coming week? Share any prayer requests you might have together.