

Philippians

Lesson 8: Philippians 4:14-23 and Review

Review Questions

Take a few minutes to answer these questions to get your thought process started:

Why does Paul turn to the life of the mind in Philippians 4:8? What historical realities in his own life and in the situation of the Church at the time of writing might have spurred this turn?

The main argument of Philippians wraps up with 4:13, one of the book's most famous verses. What had Christ given Paul the strength to do in Ephesus particularly?

Paul begins the last section of his letter to the Philippians commending their generosity in supporting his ministry. What moves does he make in 4:17-18 to make clear that he's not a mercenary trying to get more money?

Which group of people is Paul sure to mention again in 4:22? When has he mentioned these folks before in the letter? Why is this group of people especially important to what Paul is doing in this letter?

Running with that "household" language ("palace" in some translation), how do Paul's encounters with Caesar's power in the beginning and end of the book connect with his changing relationship to Jewish traditions in chapter 3?

How does the Christ-poem of Philippians 2 connect to both of these relationships and to the particular sort of power that Paul identifies with Christ in Philippians 3:12-21?