

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, January 17, 2021



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In this week's passage, Paul teaches that standing firm in the Lord means being content.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What prompted Paul to "rejoice "greatly" (verse 10)? Though he was thankful for the gift, where did Paul's joy lie?
- What does it mean that God is sovereign (Proverbs 16:9; Ephesians 1:11)? What is God's providence (Genesis 50:20)? Are you resting in the truth of God's sovereignty, providence, and provision?
- Explain how the sovereignty of God is the foundation of contentment. Where are you prone to seek contentment?
- In your discontentment, are you seeking from others what only God can provide? Do you trust in yourself and your own resources rather than contently accepting help from others?
- How did Paul learn contentment (verses 11-13)?
- Are you making use of your circumstances and experiences to grow in your reliance on Christ (verse 13)?
- How is Christian contentment different from Stoicism (verses 12-13)?
- What does Paul mean by "all things" (verse 13)? How is this verse frequently taken out of context and misapplied? Are you relying on God's strength to fulfill his calling in your life?
- How is contentment linked to a proper pursuit of godliness (1 Timothy 6:5b-11)?
- Are you content in your present spiritual condition, or is healthy discontent spurring you toward spiritual growth (love for God and others)?