

BIBLE PASSAGE

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:20-23

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. **5** Let your reasonableness[a] be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; **6** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** What you have learned[b] and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **24** And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25

KEY TAKE-AWAYS



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WITH CLARITY

SERMON-BASED DISCUSSION



All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals, and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NLT)



FAITH FORMATION
connect. grow. lead.



At Manheim BIC we strive to initiate and nurture a growing relationship with Christ.

For your time together:

Connect

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. After a long week of all kind of things, just let everyone arrive.

Care

Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?

Challenge

Dive into God's Word. Use the discussion points. Learn from each others insight. Encourage and challenge each other to live a godly life.

Ask: What is God teaching us today?

Clarify

Make sure that everyone knows what's next. Next in your life with God. Next up within the group. Next in general. Have an applicable mission for the week.

Celebrate

Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

GROUP DISCUSSION & LIFE CHALLENGE

Use these notes as discussion prompt for your group, or in your personal time with God.

OUR HIGHEST CALLING IS TO BE CONNECTED WITH GOD. This is the key sentence of today's sermon and should be the key sentence for our life.

In life we face uncertainties, challenges, and have questions. In times like these it is important to be connected WITH God. Pastor Bryce showed us that he has three approaches for his walk with God:

1. Seeking clarity to know GOD more, instead of just knowing more
2. Seeking clarity to see God MOVE, instead of just moving the problem
3. Seeking clarity to move THROUGH life WITH God, instead of just walking alone.

God encourages us to connect with Him, and He promises to be with us as we move through life and situations. So, let's make finding clarity with God practical:

How do you seek to know God more? What are your habits to know God (more)? Is it Bible reading? Is it listening to a sermon? Is it solitude? What is it? Share with your group, how you seek God and how it helps you know HIM more.

How often do/did you see God MOVE? When was the last time you saw God in action? Matt & Judy Zook told us their story. Share with your groups what your last experience with God was.

How do you move through any situation WITH God? Paul gives us some clues in how to **do it God's way**. Read Phil. 4:4-9 and Gal 5:22-25. What are the *key action words* in these texts? Underline them and write a definition for each one of them. What does it mean to do . . . Here is an example:

Key action word: whatever is TRUE (Phil 4:8)

Definition: God wants me to pursue things that are truthful. Speak the truth. Be true to Him and others.

As your final step, collect **items of thanksgiving**. Use the things that you jotted down in the second task above. Share with your group what God has done in your life, . . . in the last couple weeks, in the last couple months, or even in the last couple years.

Our highest calling is to be connected with God. The 5Cs help us connect with God, find care in God, walk with God through challenges, find clarity in the moves with God, and celebrate what God does.

Let God be the center of your life and HE will lead you through anything and everything.