



# Discussion Prompts for 08/20/23

## People of Peace – Philippians 4:1-9

**An important note before you begin:** These prompts are not meant to dictate what you discuss together. Instead, they're designed to inspire a free-flowing conversation. Never squelch the Holy Spirit by trying to get through all the questions. Read through a week's questions (there will be some weekly repeats) in advance and decide which ones might be best for your group, given their comfort level with each other.

### Getting Started:

1. What do you remember from the sermon this past week?
2. How might your group describe the main idea of the message in just a couple of sentences?

### Getting Specific:

1. In what ways have you experienced the turbulence of this modern world?
2. What ways has your theology, sociology, politics, occupation, relationships, geography, beliefs, family, etc. created turbulence?
3. What internal Stability structures have failed you?
4. What internal stability structures have proved worthy
5. How can you build the internal stability structures that have proved worthy of their role?

## Going Deeper Together:

1. This past Sunday we spoke about “Going Big” when turbulence hits. Pauls presents this principle of making the eternal real in every moment ahead of any method of peace.
  - a. What passages of scripture could help you “GO BIG?”
2. There were three methods or disciplines described in Philippians 4:1-9 that we highlighted this past Sunday.
  - a. **Prayer:** offering all of your petitions to him through thankful prayer?
  - b. **Moderation:** Balancing out circumstances in the light of the immeasurable love of God.
  - c. **Presence:** Seeking the god of Peace, not just the peace of God.
3. Which of these disciplines is most natural for you? Which is most difficult?
4. Reflect on a turbulent reality in your life right now and put into practice these three disciplines.

## Going to Scripture:

1. In order to gain a deeper appreciation for the place Paul about joy from, spend some time looking through the following passages of Acts to familiarize yourself with the turbulence of his life and the Jo which rises out of it.
2. Acts 21:27
3. Acts 21:30-31; 23:3
4. Acts 22:22; 27:42
5. Acts 21:33; 22:24, 31; 23:35; 28:16
6. Acts 21:34; 22:30; 24:1-2; 25:2, 7; 28:4
7. Acts 25:24-27
8. Acts 26:24
9. Acts 27:41
10. Acts 28:3

## Going Forward:

1. What have you discovered about life with God this week?
2. How is this good for your neighbors, Westminster, or the world?
3. In light of your discussion today, what are some implications for you or your group?

4. How/when will you act on those implications (be careful not to skip these questions or take on too much)
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## **Worship all week:**

Joy/Full Playlists – [itunes](#) | Spotify

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Joy/Full: **Joy in Purpose** – [For me to live is Christ](#) – Sidewalk Prophets

Joy/Full: **Joy in Humility** – [My Worth Is Not In What I Own](#) – Graham Kendrick

Joy/Full: **Joy in Jesus** – [What a beautiful name it is](#) – Brooke Ligerwood

Joy/Full: **Joy in Mission** – [What a friend we have in Jesus](#) – Josh Garrles

Joy/Full; **Joy in Suffering** – [Lord from Sorrows Deep I call](#) – Matt Boswell

Joy/Full: **Joy in Stability** – [God is on the Throne](#) - King and Country