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Digging deeper: Philippians 4:1-9 (Peace that Guards)

Slide 1 (8 min)

Regarding 4:2–3

- What often gets in the way of *you* settling disagreements?
- Why should our “belonging to the Lord” be the reason for settling disagreements with other believers? See Ephesians 4:13, 15-16, 32
- Paul speaks from experience as to how damaging disagreements can be. What are your findings from Acts 15:36-41?

Slide 2 (8 min)

Regarding 4:5, the word “considerate” is to be gentle, moderate, and patient.

- What is involved in being *considerate* of others?
- Why is it important to *show* this consideration to *all* men?
- Many times, we get absorbed in our own circumstances and don’t *consider* what’s going on with others. How can *you* set aside your own challenges today and consider someone else here at church?

Slide 3 (8 min)

Regarding 4:4–9:

- What does the word “then” in verses 7 and 9 indicate?
- Verse 7 mentions a “guard.” Why is this guard important in a believer’s life?
- What do you need to change in your thinking to bring you greater peace this week?

Observations:

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Regarding 4:2–3

- What often gets in the way of you settling disagreements? (Pride, thinking we are right, not liking conflict, wrongly thinking time will heal all wounds.)
- Why should our “belonging to the Lord” be the reason for settling disagreements with other believers? See Ephesians 4:13, 15-16, 32
(Because we have been called to unity, to grow in maturity, and to forgive just as Christ has forgiven us.)
- Paul speaks from experience as to how damaging disagreements can be. What are your findings from Acts 15:36-41? (A sharp/ angry disagreement caused them to part ways. Yes, their ministry spread doubly; however, it could have caused years of peace to be robbed of them.)

Slide 2 (8 min)

Regarding 4:5, the word “considerate” is to be gentle, moderate, and patient.

- What is involved in being considerate of others? (Think less about self and more about others' challenges, it's not all about me)
- Why is it important to *show* this consideration to *all* men? (We are to be a light of Christ in the world; if we cannot handle disagreements with our brothers and sisters-in-Christ, we ruin our testimony and live contrary to the Spirit living in us.) “They will know us by our love for one another.”)
- Many times, we get absorbed in our own circumstances and don't *consider* what's going on with others. How can *you* set aside your own challenges today and consider someone else here at church?

Slide 3 (8 min)

Regarding 4:4–9:

- What does the word “then” in v7 and v9 indicate? (that peace is *dependent* upon our not worrying, telling God what we need, thanking him, and putting his words into practice)
- Verse 7 mentions a “guard.” Why is this guard important in a believer's life? (To keep us safe, to keep out wrong motives. Our hearts and minds need to be guarded from ourselves and from the influences of others. Setting our minds on the right things will bring God's peace.)
- What do you need to change in your thinking to bring you greater peace this week?