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Group Discussion Questions

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How can Paul express these things as a command? Can rejoicing, prayer, and giving thanks be commanded—or are these dependent upon our circumstances?

Is it actually possible for the Christian to “rejoice always”?

Can we “rejoice in the Lord” (Philippians 4:4) even in times of sorrow and pain? How can this be authentic?

In what new ways do we need to think of prayer—if we want to “pray continually”?

What is the purpose of prayer?

Describe your “prayer life.” What kinds of prayer do you practice and why?

Are there times in life where it is impossible to “give thanks”?

How much of my “giving thanks” is dependent upon my circumstances?

What would have to be true of us for rejoicing, prayer, and giving thanks to be our experience; “always... continually... in all circumstances”?