

# JESUS OUR JOY-9

My God Will Meet Your Needs

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."  
- Philippians 4:19

"God's resources encounter no barricades. His riches cannot be impounded. No matter our situation, God can connect us with whatever we need."

Paul was a giver. He urged others to imitate his way of life, including his giving heart. When we give to meet the needs of others, God will amply supply our own needs. God can connect us with whatever we need. The issue is not his bounty or resourcefulness. The issue is our faith. Will we trust him to meet our needs, and consume ourselves with meeting the needs of others?

## Welcome

*What is one gift you received as a child you will never forget?*

## Worship

God gives, not "out of," but "according to" his glorious riches! Celebrate the blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus. God Is So Good (83), Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (226), Thank You, Lord (781), Give Thanks (68), Great Is Thy Faithfulness (57), Lord, We Praise You (56).

## Word

1. **Read Philippians 4:14-20.** *Who taught you how to give? Who taught you how to be thankful for what you've got?*
2. *Do you worry about your financial, emotional, or spiritual needs being met?*
3. *Write down (and then share with the group) several needs that you have. How committed is God to meeting every one of those needs?*
4. *In what sense is the Philippians' gift to Paul an offering to God (vs 18)?*
5. *How does God respond when we give to meet the needs of others (vs 19)? How have you experienced God's faithfulness to this promise in your own giving?*

## Works

*How will Paul's attitude toward giving and receiving enable you to be a better giver? Receiver? Sometimes we are afraid our needs won't be met--our need for love, companionship, time, money, rest, encouragement, recognition...and on and on. In our fear and faithlessness, we spend our energy ensuring our own fulfillment. In this self-focused process, spiritual joy and energy drain from our lives. But once we decide to believe this promise, we are set free to give to others without concern for ourselves.*