

## **BIBLE STUDY GUIDE FOR FBC FAMILIES & E-GROUPS**

Sermon Title: **“CHOOSING JOY IN TIMES OF CRISIS!”**

Sermon Text: **Philippians 1:3-6**

### **A. OPENING PRAYER (Father/Mother/E-Group Member)**

### **B. SHARING TIME/ICEBREAKER QUESTION**

*What is the thing that is causing you the most sorrow or grief during this Covid-19 crisis? Why? (Transition sentence: “Pastor Val’s message centered on the sources of Paul’s joy & applied them to what should give us joy today as believers of the Lord.”)*

### **C. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1) *Read passage – Phil. 1:3-6*
- 2) *Of the three sources of joy of Paul that Pastor Val cited from our passage [a. The Philippians’ partnership in the gospel work, b. Our Lord’s ‘good work’ in the Philippians, and c. The Philippians’ sure & glorious future], what do you appreciate the most & why?*
- 3) *Pastor Val used these three sources of Paul’s joy to answer the question “What should give us joy today as believers of the Lord?” [a. Having a sure & glorious future in Christ, b. Having a sovereign yet loving & gracious God, and c. Having the great privilege to be partners or co-workers of the gospel work]. Among the three, which is relevant & truly giving you joy nowadays? How?*
- 4) *According to Nehemiah, why do we need to seek & choose the joy of the Lord? (Nehemiah 8:10)*
- 5) *The facilitator/father/mother could close this discussion by praying for the members of the family or group who are not yet sure of their relationship with the Lord to seek & choose the Lord’s joy by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.*

### **D. PRAYER TIME & CLOSING PRAYER (Father/Mother/E-Group Leader/Member)**

- 1) *Ask the prayer concern/request of each one & pray for one another. You can do also do this by telling them to pray for the person on their right & left or pray together simultaneously.*
- 2) *The father/mother/Facilitator can close the meeting with a prayer.*