

**Teaching Resource Items**  
**for**  
***Pure Joy: A Choice to Rejoice (Philippians)***

These items are selected from “Teaching Plans” in  
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for handouts and similar items.

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## ***Teaching Resource Items***

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## Entrance Discussion Questions

As people enter, direct them to these questions. You may distribute these as they come in.

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## Passages on God's Faithfulness

**1 Corinthians 10:13**—“No temptation[a] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted[b] beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,[c] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

**2 Timothy 2:13**—“if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

**1 John 1:9**—“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Psalms 91:1-16**—<sup>1</sup>Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.[a]

<sup>2</sup>I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

<sup>3</sup>Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,” and you make the Most High your dwelling,

<sup>10</sup>no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

<sup>12</sup>they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>“Because he[b] loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

<sup>15</sup>He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

**Exodus 34:6**—“And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,”

**Lamentations 3:23**—“They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

**Deuteronomy 7:9**—“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.”

**2 Thessalonians 3:3**—“But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.”

### **Item 2, For Lesson One, Discussion Plan— Step 9, Passages on God's Faithfulness-(all from NIV)**

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# TRANSLATION ASSIGNMENTS

## Philippians 1:26

In addition to the versions some may have in the class, have members read these translations.

**NLT version:**

And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me.

**CSB Version:**

so that, because of my coming to you again, your boasting in Christ Jesus may abound.

**HCSB Version:**

so that, because of me, your confidence may grow in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

**God's Word translation:**

So by coming to you again, I want to give you even more reason to have pride in Christ Jesus with me.

**Biblehub version:**

so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

***Item 3, For Lesson Three, Discovery Plan—  
Step 10, Translation Assignments***

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### 3—LEGGED RACE



#### **Item 4, For Lesson Four, Discovery Plan— Step 1, 3—Legged Race**

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## BRAVEST PEOPLE

Look over this list or scan through your favorite internet site to find the bravest person imaginable.

Abraham

*Martin Luther King Jr*

Doctors

*Military Personnel*

Firefighters

*Moses*

Galileo Galilei

*Nelson Mandela*

*Harriet Tubman*

*Nurses*

*Helen Keller*

*Paramedics*

*Ida B. Wells*

*Paul*

*Jesus Christ*

*Police Officers*

*Joan of Arc*

*Rosa Parks*

*Job*

*Roy Benavidez*

*Lottie Moon*

*Winston Churchill*

*What caused you to choose the brave person on your handout or on your*

### **Item 5, For Lesson 5, Discovery Plan— Step 1, Bravest People**

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## The Mind of Christ

Spend 3 minutes studying the images of Christ's death and resurrection. Rejoice that all of us can live each day with the mind of Christ cleansing and guiding our minds and hearts.



### ***Item 6, For Lesson Six, Discussion Plan Step 6— The Mind of Christ***

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# Stars

## What is the purpose of stars?

Provide light in the darkness

Provide beauty (Psalms 19:1)

Provide direction (north star)

Mark time (rising and setting of the sun)



**Item 7, For Lesson 7, Discovery Plan—  
Step 1, Stars**

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### **Questions to Think About and Live With**

1. What are you willing to do to make sure you do not take your salvation for granted?
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***Item 8, For Lesson 7, Discovery Plan—  
Step 8, Questions to Think About and Live With***

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# ASSIGNMENT

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# SERVANT LEADERSHIP

## Quotes

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

James Kouzes and Barry Posner in *The Leadership Challenge*.

“A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.”

Winston Churchill

“And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

Jesus, Mark 9:35 ESV

“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. Serve and thou shall be served.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.”

Booker Washington

“Your rewards in life will be in direct proportion to the value of your service to others.”

Brian Tracy in *The 100 Absolutely Unbreakable Laws of Business Success*

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus, Mark 10:45 ESV

“Serving others prepares you to lead others.”

Jim George

“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world, is and remains immortal.”

Albert Pine

“But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant.”

Jesus, Mark 10:43 ESV

“The first and most important choice a leader makes is the choice to serve, without which one’s capacity to lead is severely limited.”

Robert Greenleaf

“The servant leader believes that ‘my success is your success.’”

Anonymous

“The greatest among you shall be your servant.”

Jesus, Matthew 23:11 ESV

## **Item 10, For Lesson Eight, Discovery Plan— Step 1, Servant Leadership**

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# Timothy and Epaphroditus Groups

## Timothy Group

Read Philippians 2:19-24

Can you identify the characteristics of Timothy in this passage?

Is there one of these you think might be the most important?

Do you think Timothy is a servant leader?

*Be prepared to report your findings to the rest of the class.  
Have someone write your characteristics on a board.*

## Epaphroditus Group

Read Philippians 2:25-30

Can you identify the characteristics of Epaphroditus in this passage?

Is there one of these you think might be the most important?

Do you think Epaphroditus is a servant leader?

*Be prepared to report your findings to the rest of the class.  
Have someone write your characteristics on a board.*

### **Item 11, For Lesson Eight, Discovery Plan— Step 4, Timothy and Epaphroditus Groups**

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## Mentor Interview

1. What attracted you to be a mentor?
2. What challenges have you experienced as a mentor?
3. What makes mentoring so rewarding for you?
4. How does the Bible encourage you as a mentor?

***Item 12, For Lesson 11, Discovery Plan—  
Step 1, Mentor Interview***

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## **Worries and Trust**

**Worries—Fill in worries for each category**

**Life:**

**Church:**

**Community:**

**Our Nation:**

**Our World:**

**Explain the nature of fear. Today's lesson will center on the joy we have in the Lord and not letting fear rob us of that joy.**

***Item 13, For Lesson 12, Discussion Plan—  
Step 1, Worries and Trust***

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