

Philippians and Colossians

Lesson 5 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Philippians, Colossians, and read the story in Acts 16:16-34.

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **How does the Philippian church bring Paul joy?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. What do the letters Philippians and Colossians tell us about Paul's personality?

14. What is the difference between happiness and joy?

15. Paul went to the Colossians because the false prophets were trying to distort the true gospel. What was their false doctrine? What did they say needed to be added to the gospel?

16. Paul said the same humility that was found in Christ must be found in us (Philippians 2:5-8). Describe the humility of Christ.

17. Regarding the requirements of the ceremonial law, which the false prophets said should be added to the gospel, Paul said the following: "Do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or in connection with feast days, the new moon, or the Sabbath. All this is but a shadow of what is to come; but what is real and true is Christ." In what sense is the ceremonial law a shadow of what is to come?

18. Is Old Testament circumcision replaced with New Testament Baptism?

19. What is the main message of the letter to the Colossians?

Lesson wrap-up

How does the Philippian church bring Paul joy?