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10. Why were they to honor him in this way?

11. What will you remember most from this message?

### **Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting**

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 147:1-6** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
  1. **Psalm 147:1** tells us *it is good to sing praises to our God*. What benefits have you discovered from *singing praises to God*?
  2. Why should **Psalm 147:2** be good news even to Gentiles?
  3. What are some ways you've experienced the truth of **Psalm 147:3** in your life?
  4. When you read **Psalm 147:4-5**, how does it make you feel about God?
  5. Besides God numbering & naming the stars, name some other things that display God's *greatness, power, & understanding*.
  6. Read **Psalm 147:6**. How might a person's humility help protect them from slipping into wickedness?
  
- II. Next read **Matthew 6:19-24**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions.
  1. Read **Matthew 6:19-20**. Though you probably don't mentally think of *laying up treasure in heaven*, what are some things you are doing that would help accomplish this?
  2. Read **Matthew 6:21**. How has *your treasure* changed since Christ took hold of you?

3. Read **Matthew 6:22-23**. Based on where this passage is located, what would you say is the major factor in determining if *your eye is healthy*?
4. Read **Matthew 6:24**. Give some examples from your own life that demonstrate the truth of this verse.

III. Read **Philippians 2:9-30**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:

1. Read **Philippians 2:19**. Why could sending Timothy to the Philippian church result in Paul being cheered by news of the Philippians?
2. Read **Philippians 2:20-22**. How does Timothy differ from other servants of the Lord Paul might send to the Philippians?
3. Read **Philippians 2:23-24**. What does Paul want to know before he sends Timothy to the Church in Philippi?
4. According to **Philippians 2:24**, what is Paul fairly confident of?
5. Read **Philippians 2:25-26**. Who is Epaphroditus?
6. Why did Paul feel he must soon send Epaphroditus back to the Philippians?
7. Read **Philippians 2:27-28**. What had been wrong with Epaphroditus?
8. Why was Paul so anxious to send Epaphroditus back to the Philippians?
9. Read **Philippians 2:29-30**. How were the Philippians supposed to receive Epaphroditus?
10. Why were they to honor him in this way?