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# ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

## CHARACTER WEEKEND

### MEMORY VERSE:

"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God." **PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11**

### FINISH LINE:

Godly character comes from God

## READ: PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

### WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. What does Paul, the person who wrote these verses, pray will happen? (*He prays that our love overflows and we will grow in knowledge and understanding.*)
2. What does he want us to know and understand? (*He wants us to know Jesus and what it means to follow Him.*)
3. Where does righteous or godly character come from in our lives? (*It is produced in our lives by Jesus.*)
4. Look at Galatians 5:22-23. What are some of the godly character traits that come from God? (*Love, joy, peace, patience, etc.*)
5. When godly character is produced in our lives, who gets much glory and praise? Us or God? (*God gets the glory.*)

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. If we know all the answers, act kind, be obedient, and say the right thing, does that mean we have godly character? Why or why not? (*Godly character is not just about our actions and doing the right thing on the outside. God looks inside at our hearts. When we accept His free gift of salvation, He starts working in us to create godly character.*)
2. Can we ever have perfect godly character? (*No. We cannot be perfect.*) Who is the only person who has perfect character all of the time? (*Jesus.*)
3. What are some of your favorite character traits of God? Why?

### WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. What are some ways having a godly character on the inside changes what you do and say? (*Examples: When you remember that God is patient with you, He can help you be patient with others. When you believe God and His Word are trustworthy and consistent, that can help you be obedient to what He says and have hope when things are hard.*)
2. What are some ways you can grow in your knowledge and understanding of godly character this week? (*Study the Bible, pray and ask God to help you learn, talk to others who follow God, etc.*)