



DISCUSSION GUIDE

PASTOR BLACKBURN & PASTOR JEFF SELLERS – “WALKING TOWARD HAPPINESS” PART 1

AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Choose a few questions from the guide that will generate the most discussion in your group.

GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- What are your vacation plans for the summer?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have someone read Philippians 1:27. What does it mean to walk toward happiness?
- In the message, it was mentioned, “Happiness, by the way, is not a goal! It is the by-product of right thinking and right acting.” What do you think about that statement?
- In the message, four barriers to happiness were mentioned: pain, people, pressure, and problems. Out of the four listed which one/s do you struggle with?
- Have someone read Philippians 1:12-30. Paul had every reason to become bitter, every reason to be unhappy. Instead, he chose to walk in happiness. How does Philippians 1:12-30 encourage you in your walk?
- As you walk toward happiness, look at every problem from God’s viewpoint. What does that mean to you? Explain.
- Do you trust God to work things out when walking through difficulties? Who do you turn to when difficulties strike?
- How do you intentionally stay focused on your purpose instead of your problem? Which scriptures have helped you stay focused?
- What was the most meaningful statement, or scripture, you heard in this Sunday’s message?

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Phil & Liliane Fifield (Shanna, Logan, Taylor, Kaylee Joy) – *Ozarks Teen Challenge*

Michael & Dodey Files – *Latin America*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join a VictoryLife Wednesday night class, support group, or prayer group! Head to victorylakeland.org to find a class that best fits you.

Annual Church business meeting **Monday, April 17**, at the North Campus at 6:30 PM.