

SERMON OUTLINE

GENEROUS IN PROVISION

ERIC FERRIS | DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2025

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-20

1. _____ and _____

2. _____ and _____

3. _____ and _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

Icebreaker: What is your favorite pair of socks?

1) When you think about your life right now, what would you say you need most? Is it something tangible (financial, health-related, physical) or something intangible (courage, wisdom, peace, direction)? What makes that your biggest need right now?

2) The sermon opened with the question: "Do you think God knows your needs? Do you think God can meet those needs? Do you think God wants to meet those needs?" Which of these three questions is hardest for you to answer "yes" to, and why?

3) Pastor Eric shared how his biggest needs changed over different seasons—financial stability during the housing crash, physical healing during cancer, and courage/wisdom during leadership challenges. How does thinking about needs as "seasonal" change the way you view what you're facing right now?

4) The sermon introduced the idea of three closets: the "full closet," the "empty closet," and the "third closet" that God fills in ways that exceed our generosity. What do you think it looks like practically when God "loads up the third closet" in someone's life?

5) Paul said he had "learned the secret of being content" whether in need or in plenty, and that secret was "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13). How is this any different from just accepting whatever comes your way or trying to be satisfied with what you have?

6) Paul told the Philippians that their gift was "a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (Phil 4:18). Why do you think financial giving is described as worship that pleases God? What does that reveal about how God views our generosity?

7) Pastor Eric said, "We don't give so that God will provide for us. We give because we know He will provide for us." How would approaching giving from this perspective change someone's thoughts about their level of participation in Places Need Churches or regular tithing to the church?

8) Looking at your current season of life and your biggest needs, what is one specific way you could "seek first God's kingdom" this week and trust Him to provide what you need? What would it look like to take a practical step of faith in that area?

Prayer Prompt: People in the church have posted their current needs on the online prayer wall (in app or cclife.org/prayer). Each person in the group prays for one. Go around as many times as time allows.