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# CHURCH IN COMMON

## COMMON GENEROSITY & GRATITUDE—PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23

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Open in prayer. Thank God for people that can share in our troubles, and for people that we can support in living out our faith.

Icebreaker: If you had a million dollars to use for God's work, how would you spend it? Why would you choose to spend it that way?

### What?

*Read Philippians 4:10-23.* Can you share a time when you were in need? Can you share a time when you had plenty (v.12)?

Were you able to be content in both situations? What makes it hard to be content in each situation?

What is Paul's "secret of being content" (v.12)? How do you think he learned this secret?

How have you experienced the promise in verse 19?

### So What?

How do Paul's words and his attitudes speak to a culture of discontent and cynicism?

In what ways do you find what Paul says to be challenging?

How would both your giving and your receiving of gifts change if you embraced Paul's view that generosity glorifies God?

### Now What?

Read through the verses where Paul speaks of their "common" life in 1:5, 1:7, 2:1, 3:10, 4:14, 4:15 (look for words like common, partnership, share, participation).

What have you learned about being a "Church in Common" from this series on Philippians?

As you close in prayer, pray that Inglewood CRC and yourselves the grace, humility, and generosity to 'share' in all these things