

## **Prayer**

Your Life Group, and all of the others meeting this week, are the prayer meetings of our church. How cool is that!

Please spend time praying for each other and our church.

***Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with others.***

***Each other:***

## **Church**

- *Volunteers for youth ministry and Round Up*
- *Pastors, Staff and Leadership*
- *Stampede and Round Up*
- *God to provide the financial resources we need.*
- *Life Groups meeting around the area this week*



***Friends in Fellowship***  
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## Getting Started

*What is the cutest, or the weirdest, or the silliest Mother's Day gift that you have ever given to your mom?*

## Walking Through the Text. Read Philippians 4:14-23

*This is our last week in this series. Looking back over our deep journey through this letter, what were some of your AHA moments? Was there one that sticks out to you most?*

*The Philippian church was the only church to support Paul when he left Macedonia. They supported Paul when he went to the near town of Thessalonica, and they supported Paul when he went far away to Corinth. And now they have supported him in Rome. Take some time and think deeply about this. Why did the Philippian church support Paul? Was it out of obligation or was it something more than that?*

*Paul makes clear that he is not asking for more money or gifts from them. He is paid in full. He makes that abundantly clear. And as he is explaining that to them, he says something interesting about their gift. He says this about their gift: "**They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.**" What does this mean? What does this teach us about our giving?*

*Giving and receiving is the very picture of friendship in the ancient world. Partnering together is the very outworking of being in fellowship with one another. Holding those two ideas together, how does friendship and fellowship help us understand why we give ourselves, our resources, our love and our lives to God?*

## Application

*Meditate on the fact that through Jesus, you are a friend of God, and that you are in fellowship with God. How does that spur you on to give to God in some way this week?*