

**Potential Discussion Questions**  
**Message: Engage JOY, Pt 23 (10-15-17)**  
**Working on the Sour Notes (Phil. 4:2-5)**

1. Share a verse on JOY outside the book of Philippians that is especially meaningful to you and tell how it speaks to you.
2. Think about a time when you faced relational conflict in a church. How did it impact you? What did you struggle with most? How did you see the situation resolved (if it did)?
3. Have you ever been urged to help people who were not in harmony? How did it come about? Was it easy or difficult? Why do you think most of us would rather that someone else be urged to help? When you muster courage to step up to such a challenge, what are the potential rewards/blessings?
4. We discussed four primary sources of disharmony in churches (and families). Which do you identify with most strongly? Why?
5. What other sources of potential disharmony might you add to the list?
6. What are some things over which potential disharmony might rightly exist? How would you handle them differently than Paul advises in Philippians 4? What Scripture would help guide you?
7. What is the appropriate use of influence in a church? What is inappropriate? How do you discern the difference? How might the same things apply in a Christian home?
8. Are you by temperament and practice more a harmonizer or an agitator? When you feel agitated, what are steps or principles the Scripture gives to deal rightly with it?
9. What is your response to the statement: "Push, pull or get out of the road." Is that ever appropriate? Why or why not?
10. What is your best take-away from this study? How would you like others to pray for you in regard to this text?