

# HEARD AND SEEN

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## Philippians 4:8-9

Lastly, siblings in Christ, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is anything virtuous, if there is anything worthy of praise, then consider these things, which also you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do these things, and the God of peace will be with you. (Dain's Translation)

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (NIV)

## REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage in multiple translations. Does a word, phrase, or image stand out to you? Explain to the group why it stands out to you.
2. Paul mentions a bunch of concepts that are challenging to define (truth, honor, justice, virtue, etc.). For Paul, all these ideas are represented by Jesus. So, in what ways does Jesus reveal to us: love, justice, and truth? What is so good about Jesus that keeps you coming back to church regularly?
3. In vv. 8 and 9 Paul challenges the Philippians to “consider these things” and “do these things.” To put it simply, the “things” are the good things of God (justice, honor, love, and truth). How can we as a community practice “considering” the good things of God, and how can we practice “doing” the good things of God?
4. Paul shockingly suggests that when communities consider and do the good things of God, that is when God is with them. When have you experienced God's presence in our community, and what were we doing when that happened?
5. How does encountering God change you and change communities?

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