This group is meant to facilitate discussion and meaningful conversations. The information below is derived from this week's outline.

Weekly Discussion Theme: Seeing the Everyday Good

- Leader shares: Seeing the everyday good challenges us to do more than just notice kindness. It invites us to create it and talk about it. In a world where negativity often grabs the spotlight, this is a space to shift our focus and become intentional about finding what is good, true, and encouraging. Maybe you saw someone help a stranger. Maybe you were that someone. Maybe you heard a story that reminded you goodness is still alive. Sometimes we overlook the power of simply sharing that story with someone else. If the day feels heavy or dull, ask yourself: What can I do to bring light into it? A smile, a kind word, holding the door open, or telling a friend something uplifting you heard can all be small turning points. The good might not always be obvious, but that does not mean it is not there. Sometimes it just needs your voice or your action to bring it to life.
- Activity: Bowl of Coins Sharing the Good: A bowl of fake coins sits on the table with
 an empty clear cup beside it. When you think of something good you saw, did, heard, or
 witnessed, get up, take a coin from the bowl, and drop it into the clear cup. You can
 choose to share your moment with the group or keep it to yourself if that feels more
 comfortable. As the coins begin to fill the cup, it becomes a simple and powerful
 reminder that good things are happening all around us. When we take time to notice
 them, they grow.

Group shares: How did it feel to pause and focus on something good?

Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

Verses: **Philippians 4:8 (NIV) -** "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."

Scriptural Application: This activity is a simple yet powerful way to live out Philippians 4:8. When we pause to reflect on what is good, lovely, and praiseworthy, we are training our hearts to focus on the things God wants us to hold onto. Sharing these moments and watching the cup fill reminds us that goodness is still present, even in a broken world. It encourages a spirit of gratitude, strengthens our faith, and helps us see how God is at work in everyday moments, both big and small.

Group shares: What comes to mind when you hear this verse, and how can focusing on the good help us handle challenges or negativity?

Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

10 Ways to Focus on the Good and Bring More of It Into Your Life

- 1. Write down a few things you're thankful for
- 2. Share something kind or uplifting you saw or heard
- 3. Say something nice to someone
- 4. Think about Philippians 4:8 during your day
- 5. Take breaks from negativity
- 6. Celebrate little wins
- 7. Notice people helping others
- 8. Do a small act of kindness
- 9. Spend time with people who lift you up
- 10. Start a "good moments" jar

Group Shares: Which of these stands out to you the most, and is there anything you would

add?

Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

Leader shares: Focusing on the good is not about pretending life is always easy. It is about choosing to notice beauty, kindness, and hope even in the middle of challenges. The more we pay attention to what is good, the more we help shape the atmosphere around us. Goodness spreads. One act of kindness or one uplifting story can change the direction of someone's day. What if the good you share today becomes the reason someone else starts looking for it tomorrow? Keep noticing it, creating it, and passing it on.

- Leader shares: An email will be sent shortly containing today's outline, along with a
 request to share resources discussed today. Additionally, you'll find essential links for
 joining the group, as well as links to join our Facebook group or follow us on social
 media to stay connected.
- **Closing:** As we close our group meeting, I encourage everyone to share anything else in your hearts and minds or to ask for prayer requests.

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