



# *Vibrant*

*Overcoming six things  
that make you dull*

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## **VIBRANT OWNER'S MANUAL**

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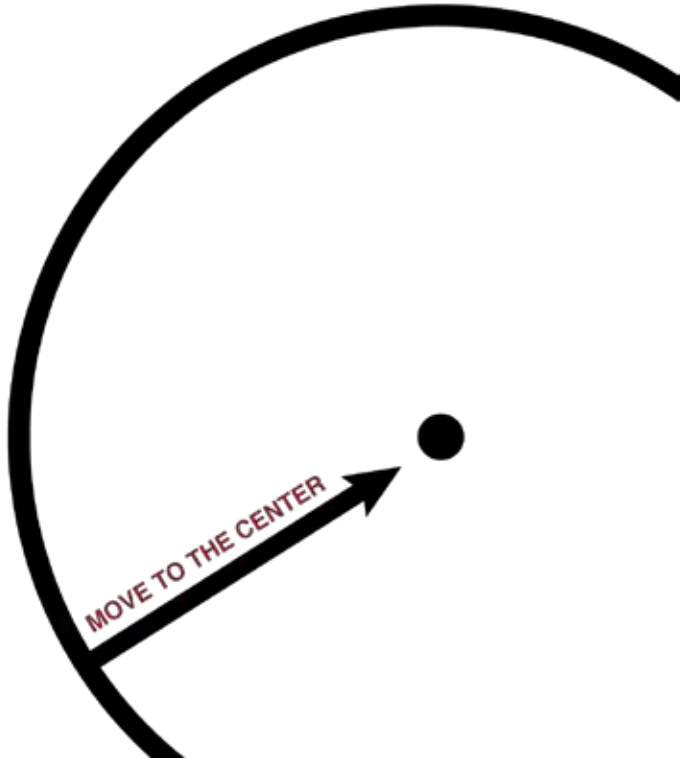
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# Welcome to Flatland

## Move to the Center

Our top priority at Flatland is to inspire you to move to the center of God's kingdom. Life is at its best when we are closest to God. Get into God's kingdom by putting your faith in Jesus Christ. Move to the center by walking in step with His Spirit.

To find out more about how we can equip and encourage you to move to the center, attend our Next Step Class. You will discover a pathway that is uniquely right for you.



# General Information

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## Flatland Group

Flatland is more than a church. We are a multifaceted organization committed to inspiring people to develop life-transforming relationships with God.

## Contact Information

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## Life Coaching

Imagine great coaches with incredible tools and resources cheering you on in every area of life! That's what Flatland has to offer. To find out more information contact us at [flatlandchurch.com/move](http://flatlandchurch.com/move)

## Life Groups

Life Groups are a terrific way to meet people at Flatland and grow in your relationship with God. Check out page 6 for a listing of Life Groups meeting this series.

## Core Classes

We offer a series of incredible core classes: 101 Purpose Driven Life, 101 Freedom in Christ, 201 The Holy Spirit, and 201 Becoming a Contagious Christian. These courses provide a strong educational foundation for moving to center of God's kingdom. Visit [flatlandchurch.com/move/classes](http://flatlandchurch.com/move/classes).

## Practics Classes

Throughout the year we offer specialized courses like Financial Peace University and the Love and Respect marriage course. Visit [flatlandchurch.com/move/classes](http://flatlandchurch.com/move/classes) to find out more.

## Prayer

Do you have a prayer request? We have an amazing prayer team that would love to pray for you. Email it to [prayer@flatlandgroup.org](mailto:prayer@flatlandgroup.org).

## Response Time

We conclude each worship service with a time of responding to God. This is meant to give you an opportunity to reflect on what you've heard from God's word, and engage Him on a personal level through worship.

## Communion Tables

We have communion tables located around our auditorium. If you are a committed follower of Jesus Christ, whether or not you are a member of Flatland, you are welcome to take communion at the close of our service.

## Water Baptism

Water Baptism is a key step in building your relationship with God. If you are interested in getting baptized, contact us at [info@flatlandgroup.org](mailto:info@flatlandgroup.org).

## **Children's Ministry**

We provide Children's Ministry for all kids, newborn to 5th grade. Register your children at the Registration Booth located in our main hallway. You may bring your small children into the service. However, in consideration of other guests, we ask that you sit toward the back of the auditorium.

## **Student Ministry**

Our Flatland Student Ministry for grades 6 through 12 meets Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm in the main auditorium.

## **Contributions**

"Thank You!" to our contributors. The ministry of Flatland is made possible by the generous donations from our members and supporters. Many give a tithe (10% of their income) to this ministry! Because of your faithfulness, we are able to develop new ministries, update and expand our facilities, and add talented, spirit-filled staff. To contribute, you may give in one of our Offering Boxes or give online at [flatlandchurch.com/give](http://flatlandchurch.com/give). Your contributions are tax-deductible.

## **Volunteering**

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer at Flatland. For more information, please contact us at [volunteer@flatlandgroup.org](mailto:volunteer@flatlandgroup.org).

## **Flatland Ministry Team**

Rod Allerheiligen, Board of Directors  
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Adam Julch, Life Groups  
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Lance Laurent, Board of Directors  
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Kelvin Nygren, 174 Campus Pastor  
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Matt Richardson, Flatkids  
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Christine Shafer, Creative Arts  
Randy & Kim Shideler, Christian Ed  
Bart Wilkins, Lead Pastor  
Jennifer Wilkins, Integrator  
Rob Yanike, Discipleship

## **Flatland Online**

Visit Flatland Church online at [flatlandchurch.com](http://flatlandchurch.com). You'll be able to watch our sermon podcasts, view our event calendar, register for events, and find out more about what Flatland has to offer.

## **P-R-A-Y**

We encourage you to spend time in prayer each day. This will help you grow in your relationship with God and experience transformation in your life. The letter "P" stands for Praise. Worship and thank God for all He has said and done. "R" stands for Repent. Confess your sins to God and commit to following Him obediently. "A" is for Ask. Make your requests to God. And "Y" stands for Yield. Take time to listen to what God has to say to you.

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## Overview

### Our Theme

As Christians, our lives should be vibrant. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians, “Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.” (Phil 2:15). But too often, we allow the pressures of life and the influences of the world to steal our joy and make us dull. This series will help us overcome six major issues that Paul addresses in Philippians so that we can shine bright in 2019.

### Daily Reading

Throughout this series, our Research Team provides devotionals that coincide with the Sunday sermon. Check out [flatlandchurch.com/blog](http://flatlandchurch.com/blog).

### Life Groups

Our Life Groups discuss the Sunday message in a fun format that will help you learn the Bible, get to know people in our church, and grow in your relationship with God. Check out page 6 for a listing of Life Groups meeting this series or visit [flatlandchurch.com/move/groups](http://flatlandchurch.com/move/groups).

### Local Missions Projects

Each series, Flatland offers opportunities to get out of the four walls of the church and make a difference in our great city. This series we are helping collecting itmes for a food pantry at Spirit Life Church. Visit [flatlandchurch.com/enjoy](http://flatlandchurch.com/enjoy) to find out more.

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## Life Groups

### **Kevin & Lisa Larsen**

Mondays 7:00 to 8:30pm  
14609 Ernst Street  
bookings@highheeltheband.com

### **Matt & Liv McElwee**

Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm  
1851 N 115th Plaza, #3105  
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### **JJ & Michele Jackson**

Tuesdays 7:15 to 8:45pm  
14805 Camdon Court  
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### **Rod & Monessa Allerheiligen**

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Children's activities at Flatland

### **Adam & Teresa Julch**

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Children's activities at Flatland

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Children's activities at Flatland

### **Scott and Cindy Allison**

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Children's activities at Flatland

### **Bob & Laurie Pew**

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BPew@npdodge.com

### **Dan & Marie Hoenig**

Sundays 4:30 to 6:00pm  
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hoda9801@yahoo.com  
Children welcome

### **Bob & Robyn Ireland**

Sundays 4:30 to 6:00pm  
14779 Eagle St  
bob@flatlandgroup.org  
Children welcome

### **Chad and Dani Heidzig**

Sundays 6:00 to 7:30pm  
4965 S 194th Ave  
danielleheidzig@gmail.com  
Children welcome

### **Phil & Diana Lechlitter**

Sundays 5:00 to 7:00pm  
7708 N 153rd St  
phil@jphilipgroup.com  
Dinner provided



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## Life Groups

### **Wednesday Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:00am  
Flatland Church  
chum2u2@aol.com  
Childcare available

### **Saturday Women's Bible Study**

Saturdays 9:30 to 11:00am  
Flatland Church  
jerkycashson@gmail.com  
No Childcare

### **Men's Breakfast**

Every 2nd Saturday of the month  
8:00 to 9:00am  
Flatland Church  
ajulch@me.com

### **High School Life Group**

Sundays 7:00 to 10:00pm  
4222 N 143rd Cir  
lisaswhatever@yahoo.com  
Grades 9 through 12

### **Middle School Life Group**

Sundays 9:30 to 10:30am  
Flatland Church  
shelbyrossogill@gmail.com  
Grades 6 through 8



# NEXTSTEPS

JOIN THE 4 WEEK CLASS WITH PASTOR BART AND JEN  
SUNDAYS AT 6PM BEGINNING JANUARY 13

REGISTER ONLINE AT [FLATLANDCHURCH.COM](http://FLATLANDCHURCH.COM)

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# WINTER RETREAT 2019

**FEBRUARY 1 & 2**  
**CAMP RIVERCREST**  
\$85 [FLATLANDCHURCH.COM/ENJOY](http://FLATLANDCHURCH.COM/ENJOY)

**SPEAKERS:**  
**PAUL & EMILY**  
**LANPHIER**





# Life Group Questions

## Discussing the Message

**Philippians 1:9-11** <sup>9</sup> I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. <sup>10</sup> For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. <sup>11</sup> May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

- What do you think it means to be spiritually mature?
- Read Philippians 1: 9-11 and make observations.
- What do you think verse 10 means?
- How might someone apply these verses to their daily lives?

## Making it Personal

- What brings you the most joy in life?
- What tends to steal your joy?
- How has your relationship with God helped you mature as a person?
- If you are willing to share, what area of immaturity would you most like to see growth in in 2019?



# Life Group Questions

## Discussing the Message

**Philippians 2:3-8** <sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others.

Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

<sup>6</sup> Though he was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.

<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
he took the humble position of a slave  
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God  
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

- Read Philippians 2:3-8 and make observations.
- What do verse 6-7 tell us about Christ?
- What about these verses could someone apply to their own attitude?

## Making it Personal

- Selfish ambition is often presented to us as a good thing. Have you experienced that? how do you process that in light of the scriptures we read?
- What can you relate to more, trying to impress others or thinking of yourself as better than others?
- How has selfishness affected your joy?
- How does God help you to be humble?





# Life Group Questions

## Discussing the Message

**Philippians 2:14-18** <sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining and arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. <sup>16</sup> Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. <sup>17</sup> But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. <sup>18</sup> Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.

- Read Philippians 2:14-18 and make observations.
- How could somebody interpret what Paul is saying in verses 19-21?
- How might a person apply these verses to their daily lives?

## Making it Personal

- What about complaining and arguing makes it impossible for us to be "blameless and innocent"?
- What's the difference between complaining and discussing issues in a productive way?
- What are 5 things you can rejoice in your present circumstance?
- How does knowing that God is at work in you motivate you?



# Life Group Questions

## Discussing the Message

**Philippians 3:12-14** <sup>12</sup> I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. <sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

- Read Philippians 3:12-14 and make observations.
- What do you think verse 14 means?
- How could someone apply these verses to their own lives?

## Making it Personal

- Discuss a goal you accomplished in your life that required sacrifices. What was that like?
- “Paul says in verse 17 that the Philippian believers should follow his example. What about the example you are setting should other Christians follow? Does anyone want to be vulnerable and share what example they are setting that you would you not want others to follow?”
- Is there anybody in your life that is running the wrong race that we could pray for?



# Life Group Questions

## Discussing the Message

**Philippians 4:3-5** <sup>3</sup> And I ask you, my true partner,[b] to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life. <sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

- Read Philippians 4:3-5 and make observations.
- What do you see as the connection between verse 3 and verse 4?
- Why do you think Paul uses the word “always” in verse 4?
- What would be the best way for somebody to apply this to their lives?

## Making it Personal

- Have you ever salvaged a relationship that was affected by a dispute? What was the award?
- How have your disputes with other Christians, impacted your relationship with God?

**Read Romans 12:18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (NIV)

- What depends on you when it comes to living at peace with everyone?
- What do you do well and what do you need to improve on in this area?



# Life Group Questions

## Discussing the Message

**Philippians 4:6-13** <sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. <sup>11</sup> Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup> I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. <sup>13</sup> For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

- Read Philippians 4:6-13. What do you see in these verses?
- What is a right and wrong way somebody could interpret verse 13?
- How could someone apply these verses to their own life?

## Making it Personal

- Each person share one thing (one word) they are worried about.
- Each person thank God for something he has done in their life.



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