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What does Paul mean when he says that their names are in the Book of Life?
What is significant about that?

Now that we've been talking about being in the same mind as Christ Jesus, how would you say "being in the same mind" in your own words?

What are ways that you have the same mind as Christ Jesus?
What are areas that Christ has been convicting you of during this series that you need to look at or change in light of being in the same mind as Christ?
And who are some people in your life that God might be calling you to come together in unity, like Euodia and Syntyche, and have the same mind in Christ? Did anyone come to mind during those verses?

What does it look like for us to rejoice in the Lord? How do we rejoice not in our circumstances, but in the Lord? (v. 5)

What does it look like for us to let our gentleness be evident to all? Why do you think that Paul chose the word gentleness? What is one area of your life that God might be calling you to be more gentle?

Verse 5 says "the Lord is near". Have you experienced the nearness of the Lord?
Does our life change as a result of the Lord being near?

What ways do you engage with the nearness of the Lord? Namely who do you believe the Holy Spirit is and what do you think His role is in our lives? How can we interact with the Holy Spirit?

Paul commands us not to be anxious; he says that God gives peace instead when we come to Him. Do you see anxiety and peace as opposites of each other?

Why do you think God uses prayer as the way to peace?

Why do you think Paul connects anxiety to the way that we think?

What is one thing you can change this week so that you can live in nearness to God and experience His peace and not let your mind get caught up in the anxieties of this world?

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