Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

A letter written by Paul, a follower of Jesus after Jesus' death.

He wrote this to Christians in the city of Philippi, in the Philippian church. They were facing a lot of religious persecution from Rome.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Paul writes a letter of encouragement to the Philippians. He writes about how God has worked through them and encourages the church to rejoice while holding onto 'the word of life'.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

TRUSTING GOD IN NURSING SCHOOL: SHINING LIKE STARS

Philippians 2:12 – 16 (NIV)

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my
presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your
salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and
to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become
blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked
generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you
hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of
Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. 17 But even if I am being poured out
like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am
glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with
me.

APPLY

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

It is easy to complain in hard situations rather than trust God. Make a chart with two columns: bright stars and dull stars. Brainstorm actions in nursing school or healthcare that shine like Paul describes or don't (i.e. gossiping about patients in dull stars and using affirming language in bright stars). Choose 1 – 2 actions to practice this week.

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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