

Philippians: A Lighthouse of Joy in an Ocean of Grief

Gratitude in Partnerships

Philippians 1:1-11
Pastor Chris Lenhart – September 25, 2022

Guiding Questions:

- 1. Why should we be thankful and joyful in our remembrances and prayers for one another? (1-5)
- 2. How should we regard one another in the fellowship of our lives and ministries? (6-8)
- 3. What does God cultivate within the Christian community when love abounds? (9-11)

We do this, together (1-5)

Partnership & participation do not require proximity; however, God uses proximity to deepen and sharpen our partnership and participation in Jesus and the gospel.

Imperfect and Incomplete (6-8)

With love and righteousness (9-11)

- -Paul's 3 Petitions for the people
- -Our example of excellence =
 - -Pure focuses on the _____.
 - -Blameless aims at the _____.

Thoughtful applications for my personal and corporate life...

Next Week: Hope In Suffering (Phil. 1:12-26)

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Supporting Scripture

Acts 16

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N	lext Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide	
Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week! Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer		Supporting Scripture Acts 16
Sta	requests together.	
Read t	the Text -Philippians 1:1-11	
	ions for Reflection & Discussion: Discuss the circumstances surrounding Paul's letter to the Philippian church. What lessons can we learn from Paul's example of faithful ministry, even when imprisoned?	
2.	What was it that gave Paul joy when he remembered the church in Philippi in his prayers? (vs. 5) What does it mean to be partnered with others in the gospel?	<u>Prayer</u> <u>Requests</u>
3.	How is it both hopeful and humbling to remember that we participate together as an imperfect and incomplete people? (vss. 6-8) What does this communicate about our common need, and our common gift?	Family
4.	What specific ways does Paul pray for the people? (vss. 9-11)	Church
5.	How might Christian communities that are filled with the fruit of righteousness function as salt & light in the world today?	Community
Quest :	ions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application: How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God?	
2.	How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others?	Career/Friends
3.	How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches?	
4.	How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?	Other
5.	How can we pray for each other between now and next time?	