

# joy / full

a study in philippians

GROUP GUIDE

## PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons<sup>[a]</sup>:

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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1. In Philippians 1:3-11, Paul expresses deep gratitude and joy for the Philippians. Reflect on a time when you felt similar gratitude for fellow believers. What made that relationship so meaningful to you?
2. Paul emphasizes the importance of love "abounding more and more in knowledge and depth of insight" (v. 9). How does growing in love and discernment impact your daily life and relationships?
3. In verse 6, Paul expresses confidence that God will carry on His work to completion. How do you see God's work continuing in your life, and how can this promise encourage you through difficult seasons?
4. Reflecting on Paul's prayer, how can we partner together as a church community in the gospel today? What specific actions can we take to encourage and support one another in faith?
5. Paul prays for the Philippians to be filled with "the fruit of righteousness" (v. 11). What does bearing this fruit look like in practical terms, and how can we encourage each other in living righteous lives?
6. What does this passage teach us about the nature of prayer, and how might it reshape the way you pray for others in your life?

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