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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^[a]:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my

prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ 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.

⁷ 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. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

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

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In a divisive culture experiencing increasing unrest, the community of Jesus called the church has a chance to stand out and show the world something different: a joyful way of life that transcends the circumstances we face yet doesn't diminish their difficulty.

Through the pen of Paul, an early follower of Jesus who was no stranger to suffering and difficulty, the letter to the Philippians invites us to see, and live, differently as the people of God living in the world, especially when it comes to hardship and being the church.

1. What brings you joy in life?
2. Read the Letter to the Philippians from start to finish together, taking turns along the way.
3. What did God highlight for you as you read? Why do you think he highlighted that specifically?
4. Write down what God highlighted for you. Then, pray together about that, asking God to reveal himself and form you to be like Jesus.

[LEADERS NOTES]



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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

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STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

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