

Life Group Homework

DISCOVERING JOY IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Philippians 1:1-11

Getting Started:

1. What is your happiest moment as a Christian and what made it so joyful?

2. What is your favorite aspect of being a part of the body of Christ?

3. Is there a brother or sister in Christ who you find yourself constantly thanking God for? If yes, are you willing to share who it is and why you are so grateful for them?

Digging In:

1. Philippians 1:5 gives the reason for the deep gratitude Paul is expressing earlier in the passage. What is meant by the phrase “partnership in the gospel”?

2. How is it significant that the partnership was “from the first day until now”?

3. Why does the Philippian's partnership in the gospel bring Paul to make the strong statement that the good work being done in them will be brought to completion in the day of Christ Jesus? (Read Ephesians 1:13-16 to inform your discussion.)

4. Looking at verse seven, how were the Philippians "partakers of grace" with Paul in his imprisonment? (See Philippians 4:10-18 to inform your discussion.)

5. Why do you think Paul has such a strong affection for the Philippians? Is it purely because of their financial support or does it go much deeper than that?

6. How does love abound "with knowledge and all discernment"? (vs. 7) (Note that the word for "discernment" refers to the ability to perceive or sense something.)

7. Why does Paul pray that the Philippians will be filled with the “fruit of righteousness” rather than use the term “the works of righteousness”? Is this significant?

Living It Out:

1. Who in your life do you long to see grow spiritually? Take the time to lift them up in prayer.

2. Who in your life has brought you joy because of their spiritual growth and fellowship in the gospel? Take the time to thank God for them.