

COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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A Praying Church (Philippians 1:3-11)

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In this week's text, God's word reveals how God has worked in the heart of Paul for the church at Philippi. Just like Paul, we are to intercede on behalf of the church. Will's main point for us is that "we must care for other Christians, our church, and other churches through our prayer." The question in response to that statement is "how?" Will gave us 4 ways:

1. Be Thankful (verses 3-5),
2. Be Confident (verse 6),
3. Be Affectionate (verses 7-8)
4. Be Prayerful (verses 9-11 and really the whole passage)

Questions:

1. Are we truly thankful for those who God has partnered with us in the Gospel? Discuss how CGs, FRBC, and other churches have been helpful, encouraging, or simply a blessing to you throughout your time living out the Gospel of Jesus. Suggestion: pray in thanksgiving over those praises.
2. Why is it important to be confident in our prayer? How can we be perfectly confident in our prayer life - that we're praying in the will of God? Consider spending some time in the Word, pulling out scripture to help you pray over a specific person, group, need, or situation.
3. In verse 7, Paul describes the Philippians as "sharing" in God's grace with him. That is the NIV. Other versions use "partakers with me" (ESV) or "partners" (NET). How are we inextricably linked to others in the Gospel? What does our deep-seated love for each other do for the Gospel? (see also John 17:20-23).
4. Will stated towards the end of his sermon that an unbeliever's take-away from the message should not be to pray more, love better, or do more works, but instead, he desires that they call upon the name of the Lord and be saved. For Christians, is our take-away any different? Consider the following: Jas 2:17 and 2:26, Eph 4:1-16, and even verse 6 of this week's passage.