

Community Groups

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Use this guide as a resource for your community group to help you further engage with the sermon from this weekend.

Prayer of Thanks, Confidence, and Love (Philippians 1:3-8)

March 3, 2024

1. What motivated Paul to pray for the Christians in Philippi? What motivates your prayers for other Christians?
2. Paul understood the importance of praying for others (see 2 Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:18-19a) and expected prayer to be powerful and effective (see Jam. 5:16).
 - a. Do you typically focus your prayer requests on physical or spiritual needs? How can you bring more balance to the way that you pray?
 - b. What spiritual needs can you request prayer for?
 - c. Where in your life is it hardest to believe that prayer is powerful and effective?
3. Read Philippians 1:3-4.
 - a. What does Paul do first in this letter?
 - b. What might prevent people from being thankful to God? What might prevent you?
4. Read Philippians 1:5.
 - a. What did Paul specifically thank God for regarding the Philippians?
 - b. How does the idea of partnership challenge the practice of one person or a small group of people doing all the work of ministry?
 - c. Where could we see partnership increase at Living Gospel?
5. According to Philippians 1:6, who began the good work in Christians?
 - a. How does Romans 8:28-30 relate to Philippians 1:6?
 - b. What comfort can we offer one another when sanctification seems slow in us?
6. Paul expresses his love for all the saints in Philippi (Phil. 1:3,4,7,8). What is one step you can take to express love to someone who is hard to love?