

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.

Enslaved Saints (Philippians 1:1-2)

February 25, 2024

1. Paul calls himself a “slave” (*doulos*) of Christ Jesus (v. 1). How is a slave different from a servant?
2. “Everyone is a slave to someone or something.”
 - a. What do you think of this idea?
 - b. Describe how physical slavery in Paul’s day is similar to spiritual slavery.
 - c. In what ways can Christians be tempted by false masters? What about you?
 - d. How is Jesus a better master than these false masters?
3. Paul calls all the Christians in Philippi “saints” (v. 2)
 - a. What is a saint?
 - b. Who is the foundation of a Christian’s identity as a saint?
 - c. Think of examples from your life where people try to be “a saint” without the foundation Paul lists here.
4. The saints in Philippi were a mixed demographic of people (see Acts 16:11-40).
 - a. In what ways do you appreciate the diversity (gifts, personalities, experiences, cultures, etc.) of people in our church?
 - b. How can we appreciate it more?
5. How often do you think of yourself and your Christian brothers and sisters as recipients of God’s grace and peace through Christ? When do you tend to forget this? Where would you like a deeper sense of God’s grace and peace through Christ in your life?
6. Paul extends a blessing to a unified and diverse group of Christians at Philippi (v. 2).
 - a. What role do you believe unity, grace, and peace play in maintaining a healthy Christian community at our church?
 - b. How can you practically extend grace and peace to others?
 - c. What steps can we take to strengthen unity in our church?