



## **WEEK 1:**

### **Day 1:**

- Read Acts 16:11-40 –
  - Read this passage utilizing your imagination.
    - Place yourself inside the story, pay close attention to the details mentioned.
      - What raises curiosity for you?
      - What brings up questions?
      - What had you not noticed in these narratives the first time?
  - These stories represent the early days of the Philippian church.
    - Who were the first part of this church based on the narrative?
    - What makes them unique?
    - How do you think these early narratives of the church impacted the letter Paul was writing?
  - What do these stories say about God?
  - What do they say about you?
  - Is there something that God is asking you to do this week out of these stories? What are you going to do about it?
- Read the book of Philippians in one sitting.

## **Day 2:**

- Read Philippians 1:1-11
- What are Paul's feelings toward the Philippian church? What was their role in Paul's ministry?
- Philippians 1:5 is often quoted. Having read the whole book, and this verse in context what is Paul actually saying?
- Write Philippians 1:9-10 in your journal
- What do you think Paul means when he asks them to "understand what really matters?"
  - Using the Bible app, read vs 9-10 in other translations. What other words are used for "understanding?"
    - The word for understanding in the original Greek is *dokimazo* and means to put to the test or approve. It is the same words used for the testing of metals.
    - How does that change the meaning of this passage?
  - According to Paul, what impact does growing in this understanding have on our life?
  - What does Paul mean by the "fruit of your salvation?"
- What do these passages today say about you?
- What do they say about God
- What is something that God is asking/prompting from you out of these verses?
- What are you going to do about it?

### **Day 3**

- In these passages Paul spends time talking about different perspectives on his imprisonment, and also other teachers of the Gospel.
- Read Philippians 1:12-19
- What sticks out to you about these verses?
- Write Philippians 1:12 in your journal?
- What was Paul's perspective of his imprisonment in vs. 12-14?
- In verses 15-18 Paul talks about the different motives people use for preaching the Gospel.
  - o What motives do you see in people that preach the Gospel in today's society?
  - o What was Paul's response to them? What is our response called to be?
  - o Is that hard for you?
- What does Paul state is the impact of the prayers of the church in Philippians?
- What does Paul teach us in these two sections (his imprisonment, other teachers) about the role of our perspective?
- What do these passages today say about you?
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### **Day 4**

- Read Philippians 20-30
- Write vs 21 in your journal.
- As we read this verse in context what is the internal struggle Paul is wrestling with?
- In verse 27 what is Paul calling the Philippi church to do? What impact would that have on other (vs 28)
- Vs 29 states we have the privilege of trusting and suffering for Christ. How are those two realities connected?

- What do these passages today say about you?
- What do they say about God
- What is something that God is asking/prompting from you out of these verses?
- What are you going to do about it?

(Read the Creed of the Apostles each day)

**I believe in God**, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son Our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into Hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.  
Amen.