



## **PHILIPPIANS: LIVING FOR CHRIST**

### **Women's – CONNECT – Supplemental Handout**

*Session 1 – 04 January 2023*

*“Read the scriptures, believe the scriptures, belief becomes conviction, our convictions lead to affection.*

*The heart cannot love what the mind does not know.”*

*-Jen Wilkin*

#### **Who: Paul and the Philippians**

- Saul of Tarsus/Paul
- Roman Citizen
- Pharisee
- Hated and persecuted Christians
- Apostle to the gentiles
- Wrote 7 epistles of the Bible
- Citizens of Philippi
- First church Paul established
- They cared deeply for Paul and he cared deeply for them
- Was no synagogue in Philippi
- Church was approx. 11 years old when Paul wrote to them

#### **What: Was Paul's purpose**

- To thank the Philippians for their care of him while he was imprisoned
- Paul addresses several themes that revolve around the retelling of the story of the Messiah and expounds on how living as a Christian means seeing your own story as an expression of Jesus' story

#### **When:**

- Paul est. the church in Philippi around AD 48 on his second missions trip.
- Letter was written around AD 61ish

#### **Where:**

- Paul wrote the letter under house arrest probably in Rome
- City of Philippi was a prosperous Roman colony, citizens prided themselves on being Romans, many retired military men, not many Jewish people lived here, known for patriotic nationalism, Roman citizenship was important to them. Major trade route in the east from Rome was Neopolis, the seaport of Philippi
- Philippi was modern day Greece

#### **Why:**

- Paul and his travel companions went to Neopolis by command of the Spirit.
- Paul writes about Joy, the primary theme occurring 16 times, humility, Christian unity, discipleship, giving, prayer and contentment.
- What do we live for?
- Stand firm together in one spirit, suffer together, strive and strain together, mature together in unity