

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
**Part 1 | Partakers of Grace | Philippians 1:1–11**

1. What's something small or unexpected that has brought you real joy recently? (A good meal, a conversation, a surprise gift, etc.) Why do you think it brought you joy?
2. Read Philippians 1:1–2. Why do you think Paul begins his letter by identifying himself and Timothy as “servants of Christ Jesus” rather than using his title “apostle”? [Note: An apostle is one who is personally chosen, commissioned, and sent by Jesus as an authoritative witness to His resurrection and foundational messenger of the gospel. (Acts 1:21,22; Eph. 2:20; Acts 9)]

How might that set the tone for the rest of the letter?

3. Read Philippians 1:3–6. What does Paul remember about the Philippians that leads him to thank God with joy?
4. How do you see “partnership in the gospel” at work in a church community then? Today?
5. Why is it significant that Paul’s confidence is in *God* to finish the work, rather than in the Philippians themselves?
6. How has Jesus worked in your life over the past year?
7. Read Philippians 1:7–11. Paul says the Philippians are “partakers with me of grace” even in his imprisonment. What does this teach us about the nature of gospel partnership, and how can we live that out even when separated by distance?
8. Why do you think Paul connects “love” with “knowledge and all discernment”? What dangers might there be in having one without the other?
9. What is “the fruit of righteousness” and how does it come “through Jesus Christ”? How does remembering the source of this fruit keep us from pride?
10. What is one specific way you can live this out in your relationships, ministry, or personal walk with God this week?
11. Pray over these things with one another in closing.