

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



April 26, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

II. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Generosity brings prosperity, but withholding from charity brings poverty. Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them, and the one who pours out his life to pour out blessings will be saturated with favor.

Proverbs 11:24,25 (TPT)

III. Harvesting Together: A Faith Without Borders
Philippians 1:3-8
Pastor Jose Doniz

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-8 ESV .

Overview:

Author: The Apostle Paul, writing from a Roman prison (60–62 AD), with Timothy as co-author.

Purpose: To thank the church for their financial support, warn them about false teachers, and encourage them to maintain unity and joy despite suffering.

Key theme: To know Christ.

One-phrase summary: Knowing Jesus Christ is far more joyful and important than anything else in life.

Church in Philippi: Acts 16 — the first church on European soil.

V.4: *chara* (χαρά): “joy, happiness, gladness” — continuous, coming from our relationship with Jesus; an element of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

Not dependent on outcomes; joy remains regardless of circumstances.

V.5: Reason of gratitude: The Philippians joined Paul’s work in the gospel.

Partnership (Koinonía): Providing practical assistance in tangible ways.

V. 6: Paul thanks them for their partnership because it demonstrates that God is at work in their lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 - *He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.*

V. 7-8: Heart – The center of thought and feeling.

Defense and Confirmation - Judicial terms referring to the first phase of Paul's trial in Rome and his ongoing defense of the faith.

Partakers with me of grace - The Philippians supported Paul's ministry, sharing in the blessing of God's grace upon it.

(Deep) Affection- The part of the body that reacts to intense emotions. It came to be the most forceful Greek term for expressing compassionate love.

CELEBRATE TOGETHER!!!

CONCLUSION:

By supporting my family financially and through prayer as church-planting missionaries in Guadalajara, Mexico, **you** are not merely "sending a check"; **you** are **defending and confirming the Gospel alongside me**, my family, and the team in Mexico.

APPLICATION:

1. **Prayer by Name (v4):** Don't just pray "for missions." Say: "Lord, thank You for what You are doing in the streets of Guadalajara." Pray with joy, knowing that every church planted there is the fruit of your faithfulness here.
2. **Investing in the 'work in progress' (v6):** When you doubt whether your support is worthwhile, remember Paul's promise: The God who began the work in Mexico—and in you—will perfect it. *Continue being a MODEL church for Missions.*
3. **Letters of deep affection):** I invite you to send us a message, an email, or a short video. They don't need to be long; just say, "We're with you." That affection is the fuel that sustains us when we miss our home in America."

→**Marcela, Jose Pablo, Maria & Emma** send their love and miss you very much.

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Paul expresses joy while in prison. What does this teach us about the difference between joy and happiness? How have you experienced this in your own life?
2. In verses 3–5, Paul is thankful for the Philippians' "partnership in the gospel." What does true partnership in God's work look like today? How can our group live this out more intentionally?
3. Verse 6 speaks about God completing the work He began in us. Where do you need to trust God more in your spiritual growth or circumstances right now?
4. Paul says the believers are "partakers with me of grace" (v.7). What does it mean to share in both the struggles and blessings of ministry? How can we better support one another?
5. In verse 8, Paul describes his deep affection for the church. How can we cultivate Christ-centered love and connection within our church and community?
6. The sermon emphasized prayer, investment, and encouragement. Which of these stands out to you most this week, and what is one specific step you will take to apply it?
7. End in prayer: Pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray for boldness and openness. Pray for your group to become a Spirit-filled community. Pray for other needs of the community. Pray for your FRANCES.