

Reflection Questions: Philippians 1:3-11

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion.

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INTRODUCTION

Pray. Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Read the Scripture text: Philippians 1:3-11

Let's get started...

- What initially grabs your attention from Paul's words in this Passage?

QUESTIONS

1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- 1) In verses 3–5, Paul speaks with joy and gratitude for gospel partnership. Who has God used in your life as a gospel partner? How have they impacted your walk with Christ?
- 2) In verse 6, Paul expresses confidence that God will finish what He started. Where in your life do you need to be reminded of that promise in your life?
- 3) Verse 8 describes Christ-shaped affection. What's one way you've experienced that kind of love from another believer?
- 4) Paul prays for their love to grow in knowledge and discernment (vv. 9–11). In what ways do you want your love to grow more like Christ's? What are some practical steps?

Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- 1) Paul celebrates the joy of shared mission with the Philippians. How can MHC grow in gospel partnership—not just fellowship, but mission together?
- 2) What are some ways we can pray more intentionally for one another, using Paul's model in v/s 9–11?
- 3) What does it look like to express genuine affection within our church body? How might we encourage one another more deeply?

3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- 1) How does Paul's vision of gospel partnership challenge how our city often views relationships and purpose?
- 2) How could a joyful, committed church community be a witness in a world marked by loneliness and individualism?
- 3) In what ways might God be inviting us to be more present in our city as gospel partners?

CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is one practical way you can cultivate deeper gospel fellowship this week—with someone in our church—and how might God use that to encourage both of you in the faith?

PRAYER

If your in a group, pray for each other. If your doing this a individually, list out three people in our church and pray for them this week.