

Flooded by Joy

Philippians 1:1-11

Taking it Home:

1. Read all of Acts 16 to get better acquainted with the beginnings of the church in Philippi.
2. Review Paul's prayer for the Philippians. Use this as an example for your prayer life this week.

Prayer Concerns:**Joy!**

Joy – (Cheer, delight, gladness) is an _____ of the heart determined by _____.

Intro to Philippians:

Philippi - A city of 10,000 in modern-day Greece on the _____.

The Gospel first came to Philippi in _____ by Paul.

Paul wrote Philippians around 61AD from a Roman _____.

Philippians was written to all _____ in Philippi.

Joy flows from:

1. An _____ with the _____.
2. A _____ heart.
3. Spiritual _____.
4. Confidence in Christ's _____ and _____ work.
5. Reframing the way that we _____.

Paul's prayer: increased _____, deepened _____, a _____, _____ of heart, and a _____ filled life.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Which Winnie-the-Poo character best describes you?
(Poo, Eeyore, Tigger, Piglet, Owl, or Roo)

Digging Deeper:

Read Philippians 1:1-11

1. Where is Paul writing from and why is that significant given the theme of joy found in this book? When you face hardship in your life what tends to be your attitude?
2. Why did the Philippians bring Paul such great joy? What connection did he have with them in the past? (Acts 16:11-15) How had they helped him? (Read also 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 – Philippi was in the region of Macedonia)
3. Consider the Christian community you are a part of. Would you say that you are in partnership for the gospel, or is your fellowship more social? Why?

4. God is both the beginner and finisher of our faith. How does this give you hope and joy? Read Philippians 2:12-14. How does this complement Philippians 1:1-11?
5. Read Ephesians 1:16-20, Colossians 1:9-12. Having read several different prayers lifted up by Paul, what are some of the themes emphasized in His prayers? How might Paul's prayers encourage you to pray differently?
6. Review the "Joy flows from" section of your study notes. Which of these do you most need to focus on in your life this week to enable you to be flooded by joy?