

# **Joy Beyond Circumstances: Finding Joy in God's People**

Philippians 1:1-11

## **Discussion Questions**

**Key Texts:** Philippians 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:4; 1 Timothy 2:1; 1 John 4:19;

## **The Essentials**

- 1)** What makes you really joyful?
- 2)** How do you greet other Christians?
- 3)** Why does Paul pray with joy for the believers in Philippi?
- 4)** What do you understand by 'partnership for the gospel'?
- 5)** Do you have the feeling you are on a mission for Jesus Christ with a band of like-minded brothers and sisters?

## **Going Deeper**

- 6)** What is the source of Paul's joy for others?
- 7)** Discuss this quote from pastor David Mathis: "True fellowship is less like friends gathered to watch the Super Bowl, and more like players on the field in blood, sweat, and tears, huddled in the backfield only in preparation for the next down."

**Memory Verse:** "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." **Philippians 1:4-6**

**Prayer Point:** Please pray for this sermon series, that as a church we would find joy in Jesus Christ.