




## The Life of Joy: Partnership in the Gospel

Philippians 1:1-11

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 Can you think of any famous partnerships that Adam didn't mention? What are some famous partnerships in the Bible?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### PARTNERSHIP: BONDING AFFECTION

- 3 Discuss the following quote by Sinclair Ferguson?  
"Being a Christian means entering into a partnership with others to share in the work of Christ. There is, ordinarily, no such thing as an isolated Christian. We belong to those who belong to Christ! Indeed, where there is no giving, no caring, no loving, no sharing, there is no fellowship."

- 4 How do you know if/when Seven Rivers has become your church?
- 5 How do you know if/when you have experienced the affections of Jesus like Paul?

#### PARTNERSHIP: WORKING GRACE

- 6 Paul said, “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion.” What good works has God begun in you? What would it look like for him to bring it to completion?
- 7 Adam said that Paul’s hope for the Philippians was that they would become “skilled in love”. How would you define “skilled love”?

#### PARTNERSHIP: ENDING GLORY

- 8 What did Adam mean when he said, “We are starved for the glory of God?”
- 9 Discuss the following quote by John Piper:  
“God’s love for sinners is not his making much of us, but his graciously freeing and empowering us to enjoy making much of him.”

### **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?