

Life Group Notes

Sunday 23 June 2024

1. What from the message this weekend encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why?
What applications for your life did you learn?
2. Who is Paul writing to? Who are the saints?
Are you a saint? What makes us a saint?
3. Paul talks about the gratitude and joy he has when he prays for the Philippians. The theme of joy runs throughout the book of Philippians.
How would you describe the joy Paul talks about in these opening verses?
4. Joy is an attribute of God, produced in us by the Holy Spirit.
What does it look like to experience joy because of the fellowship we have with other Christians?
When have you experienced that type of joy?
5. Read Philippians 1:6. In verse 6, Paul reminds the Philippians that God will complete the work he started in them. The same can be said of us, we can be confident that God continues to make us more holy.
What difference has it made in your walk with Jesus?
When will He complete His work?

6. In verse 8 we read that Paul had a deep-seated love for the believers at Philippi.

Do we have that same heartfelt love and desire to be with one another?

Do we go to church out of a routine or a blind religious devotion?

Do I just tolerate people at church or do I long to see them?

7. Read vs 9-11. What can you learn about prayer from Paul's prayer for the Philippians?

Do you see a connection between knowledge, discernment and love in your journey as a Christian? Why or why not?

8. Looking back over these first eleven verses, what are some ways we benefit from the community we experience through the family of God?

9. Consider how Paul and the Philippians encouraged and supported each other. How can we as a church, and a local body of Christ encourage and support each other?

10. In verse 11, Where does our fruit come from?

How does our fruit affect those whom we live with?

How does our fruit affect God?

Will you use this prayer as a guide to pray for each other through this week?

11. In these first eleven verses, Paul is encouraging and praying for the church of Philippi.

What could it look like for you to spend some intentional time in prayer for a Christian friend this week?