

Series: Stand Alone
Sermon: Gratitude and Joy
Speaker: Live at each campus

Daily Readings

Monday: Philippians 1:1-11
Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Wednesday: Philemon 1:1-25
Thursday: Ephesians 1:1-23
Friday: 1 John 1:1-10
Saturday: Hebrews 13:1-25

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message. If members of your group attend multiple campuses, be sure to share highlights of Sunday's message from each campus!
2. How does focusing on God's grace and practicing gratitude, as Paul does in this passage, change your perspective in challenging situations?
3. Paul's joy comes from the Philippians' partnership in the gospel. How does sharing in ministry or faith with others bring you joy?
4. How can you cultivate a habit of gratitude in your prayer life, like Paul does in verses 3-4?
5. Paul shows deep care for the Philippians, prays specifically for them, and finds joy in the assurance that God is at work in others. What are ways you can express care and pray for someone or a group of people this week? Who in your life can you encourage this week by reminding them of God's ongoing work in their life?
6. How can you contribute to the "partnership in the gospel" in your group, church, or daily life?
7. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step

Consider taking one of the following action steps this week:

- **Pray for your community**: This week, commit to praying specifically for the people in your community group. Use Paul's prayer in verses 9-11 as a guide, asking God to grow their love, knowledge, discernment, and righteousness.
- **Express gratitude**: Write a note, send a message, or share in person your appreciation for someone who has partnered with you in faith. Be specific about how their actions have encouraged you.

- Partner in the Gospel: Look for an opportunity to serve alongside others in your church or group, whether through volunteering, supporting a mission effort, or reaching out to someone in need. Review our [Kingdom Come Partners](#) and identify a partner you may begin serving with.