



Week 7 | Building Community

Gospel Community Leaders Guide

Pray

As you begin, pray with your group. Pray that Christ would strengthen the relationships in your Gospel Community and in our church to be affectionate, persevering, hopeful, and missional.

Discuss

Discuss this week's sermon and the following questions with your group:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having

become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.” - Philippians 1:3-11

- **What are some things Philippians 1 teaches about Gospel partnerships?**
- **What does it look like to be confident that Christ will finish the work He started in the lives of other believers? How can we do this for each other?**
- **Thinking about our church and our Gospel Community: How do we do community well? Where is there room for growth?**

Dream Together

These concepts of community and partnership are not meant to be understood only, but also to be lived out. Take some time to dream together about what the fellowship in Philippians 1 could look like in your Gospel Community. To do this, you may want to consider the following questions:

- **What gifts do you bring to the body of Christ? How have you been able to use them recently? How would you like to use them in the future?**
- **How has God specifically put together our Gospel Community for ministry? (to each other, the church, our city)**
- **What are some ways that we are trying to do ministry alone instead of partnering together?**

