

**COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE****Confidence & Camaraderie***Joy Made Complete* | Philippians 1:6-7**REVIEW**

Paul wrote Philippians for the sake of unifying the church in the enjoyment and advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Unity in the gospel births communal joy that results in the advance of the gospel to the lost. As we partner together in the gospel, our joy is made complete.

Verses 3-5 focus on Paul's thankfulness for the gospel partnership with "Grace Church Philippi." In essence, these verses call us to pursue fellowship in the gospel for the joy of our souls. Throughout Philippians, we see this partnership materialize in at least 5 ways:

- Prayer (1:9-11)
- Material resources (4:14-18; cf. 2 Cor. 8)
- Physical presence (2:19-30)
- Doctrinal Agreement (3:2-10)
- Affections (1:8; 2:1-4)

**APPLY // PHILIPPIANS 1:3-5**

Consider practical ways to apply the text of Scripture. Think about implications at the individual and corporate level remembering God's word shapes our beliefs and our behaviors.

1. Read Philippians 1.
2. Focusing on verses 3-5, discuss Paul's relationship between joyful thankfulness and present circumstances. Compare Paul's attitude with yours/ours.
3. Personally, what Gospel partnerships have provided you the occasion to be thankful and joyful to God?
4. Corporately, what Gospel partnerships at Restoration cause you to be most thankful to God? How have you seen Restoration Church partner in the 5 ways listed above?
5. Spend time in prayer thanking God for rich gospel partnerships.

**STUDY // PHILIPPIANS 1:6-7**

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

1. Re-read 1:6-7.
2. What is the "good work" which God will complete in verse 6? Do you think Paul has in mind one's personal sanctification or the Philippian's participation in gospel proclamation?

3. What gives Paul such confidence? Can we have the same boldness? If so, how?
4. What is the “day of Christ?” what implications does it have in the life of a believer?
5. What does it mean that this “good work” will be brought “to completion at the day of Christ Jesus?” How does this give us hope today?
6. What does Paul mean when he says, “I hold you in my heart?” What does this tell us about the importance of affection in the Christian life?
7. What is Paul’s reason for having such affection for the people of “Grace Philippi Church”? How might this impact our attitude toward fellow members inside of Restoration Church? With other churches?
8. General Bible study questions:
  - a. What do these verses tell us about the character of God?
  - b. What do these verses tell us about tell us about ourselves?
  - c. How does this passage point us to and help us delight in Jesus Christ?
  - d. What’s one way this passage challenges or encourages a specific belief or behavior?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other help apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** Do you find joy in the advancement of the gospel? Praise God where that is the case. If not, what might be hindering you from doing so?