

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**Faith Family***Joy Made Complete* | Philippians 4:21-23

## 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, the result is **joy made complete**.

In 4:21-23, Paul gives a brief farewell greeting to the church. As the letter begins with grace, so it ends. In Paul's parting words, we see his desire for continued unity within the church and among the universal church.

## STUDY &amp; APPLY // PHILIPPIANS 4:21-23

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.
2. What do you notice about Paul's farewell words?
3. How do Paul's parting words highlight the unity he's been calling for throughout the letter?
4. Compare 4:23 with 1:2. What similarities do you see? Why do you think Paul begins and ends with the grace in Christ?
5. Discuss specific ways the letter of Philippians has encouraged, challenged or convicted you in your walk with Christ?
6. Take time to pray for our church body – that we would be marked by unity in the enjoyment and advancement of the gospel for then our joy will be complete