

Jailed and Joyful
June 7, 2026 Discussion Guide
This week's reading: Philippians 1:1-11

CHECK UP:

Memory work: But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."- Genesis 50:19-20

What step did you take this past week to "be like Joe" in integrity, patience, and peacemaking, or simply to see God's bigger story in your life?

OPEN:

- What was a high and low of your past week?
- What stood out from this week's reading? How do you already feel challenged to obey?

READ and ASK: Philippians 1:1-11

- How did Paul identify himself and Timothy?
 - o What can we learn from that?
- What word best describes Paul's feelings for the Philippians?
 - o What word would describe the feelings you have for our church?
 - o How would you describe the "missional relationship" that Paul has with the Philippian church?
- What results was Paul looking for from his prayer? (*spend time analyzing and applying it*)
 - o Why would Paul's prayer be a good prayer for us to pray for ourselves?

APPLY:

- How can you be thankful for our church today?
- Who is your spiritual cheerleader?
 - o How can you encourage someone like Paul this week?

- It is evident that Paul sees a relationship with Jesus as deeply personal and transformative. How has that been true in your life?
 - o NEXT STEP: What practices do you need to commit to having in place (or perhaps get rid of) to grow in a transformative relationship with Jesus?

Memory Work:

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may 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. – Philippians 1:9-11

Next Week's Reading:

Philippians 1:12-26