

Questions

1. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word *fellowship*? What are some aspects of biblical fellowship, and are you pursuing those?
2. How attentive are you to see God's provisions in your life and how thankful are you in response? Do you recognize wise and godly people in your life as a gift from God, as instruments in His hand for your good? Thank Him for those precious people.
3. Do you see yourself as a partner in the gospel with your brothers and sisters? If so, why? If not, what needs to change?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-9. What lesson was God seeking to convey through Paul? If you are trusting in Jesus Christ, how are you regularly living as an individual believer who is joined to a local body?
5. Read Philippians 1:5-6 and 2:12-13. How do you see cooperation between believers and God in the work of ministry? What is our role and what does God do?
6. Based on Philippians 1:6, what assurance do believers have as we partner in the gospel and serve and sacrifice for the sake of it? How should that promise help you in gospel ministry?



Partners in the Gospel

Philippians 1:1-6

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The Arise and Shine sermon series closes by considering the privilege offered to us as partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament the same Greek root word – *koinōnéō* – is often translated as fellowship or partnership. It could also describe communion, or that which is held in common.

1. Praise to God (1:3-4)

Whatever was commendable about the Philippians, or their faith, or their partnership, was because of God's good work in their lives. He deserved to be praised.

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

3. Promise (1:6; cf. 2:12-23)

God's people can be generous, sacrificial, even suffering partners in the gospel, AND know that the God who saved us will provide for us and ensure that His good work in our lives is being accomplished in whatever circumstances we face.

2. Partnership in the gospel (1:5; cf 4:15)

These brothers and sisters had a deep community of sharing with Paul and with one another, that was rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ.