

# COMMUNITY GROUP

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 23-24, 2026

### WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER

**PURPOSE:** We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.

### DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

**RELATIONAL WARMUP:** What do you see when you look at your back yard (or behind your apartment)?

**SET THE STAGE:** Paul's partnership with the church in Philippi is a powerful example of how we can be a light to our own great, big back yard. We see the Gospel advancing through relationships, partnerships, and surrendered lives.

**READ THE PASSAGE:** *Philippians 1:3-11*

**HEAD QUESTIONS:** How would you describe Paul's relationship with the church in Philippi? What is Paul's focus as he prays for these friends? Why do you think he considers this essential? Why is Paul confident that his prayer for them will become reality?

**READ THE PASSAGE:** *Philippians 1:12-18*

Paul's partnership with the Philippians centered on the Gospel. That priority shaped the way Paul viewed hardship, opposition, and disappointment.

**HEART QUESTIONS:** When serving others becomes difficult or disappointing, what motives or desires tend to surface in your heart—approval, control, fear, pride, insecurity, or the need to succeed?

Paul trusted that God would continue His work in people's lives. What helps you trust God's ongoing work in your own life? What challenges that trust?

**HANDS QUESTIONS:** Where is God inviting you to practice wiser, more discerning love right now? How might staying rooted in His love help you in that situation? Where in your daily life do you long to reflect Jesus more clearly? This week, reflect on the following words, and ask the Lord to do this good work in you.

*"You have been desired into existence by a Great Love. You are meant to be here. You are known by name. You have been chosen. You have been called by name. Your life has a unique, God-given meaning. Your unrepeatable life matters." —Trevor Hudson*

### CLOSING PRAYER