

House Church Gathering Discussion Questions
Sunday August 9, 2026
“A Good Work in Progress”

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Summary: Philippians 1 marks the opening of Paul’s letter to the church in Philippi, a congregation with whom he shares a dear relationship and a partnership in gospel ministry. Paul’s words to the Philippian church are filled with gratitude, confidence, and prayer. In verses 3–11, Paul thanks God for the Philippians’ partnership in the gospel, expresses confidence that God will faithfully complete the good work He has already begun among them, and prays that their love will continue to abound more and more in knowledge, discernment, and righteous fruit. All of this is ultimately for the glory and praise of God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Philippians 1:3–5. Who are some people God has used as partners in the gospel in your life, whether now or in the past? How can you express gratitude to God for them?
2. Read Philippians 1:6–8. How does the promise that God will complete the good work He has begun encourage you in your own spiritual journey and also in the life of the church?
3. Read Philippians 1:9–11. What might it look like for love to “abound more and more” in knowledge, discernment, and righteous fruit, both in your own life and in the ministry of the church?