

# The Joy of Community

## Philippians 1:1-11

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JOY/FULL Series

### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

God's word evokes joy in the hearts of those who love and trust God. And no book portrays the beauty of joy in Jesus like Paul's letter to the Philippians. So it's with great joy that we begin a journey through this tremendous letter in a series called "Joy / FULL." To kick this series off, we will see the joy that comes from living in community. God created us for deep and abiding relationships. And we will see the Apostle Paul, in the greeting section of this letter, celebrate the joy of community.

## REALIZE

### 1. Bondservants and saints

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 1:1-11; Acts 16:1-12
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - How do I see myself and others?

### 2. Walk confidently

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 1:1-11; Hebrews 10:35-36
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - How can I be stronger in my faith?

### 3. Let's fulfill Paul's prayer

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 1:1-11; Galatians 5:22-23
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Where is Jesus working to grow my walk with Him?

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?