

Philippians: Finding Joy in a Broken World

Finding Joy in Fellowship

Read the following verses: Philippians 1:1-18

Examining the Text:

1. Philippians 1:3-8 is Paul giving thanks. What are the things that cause Paul to give thanks?
2. Philippians 1:9-11 is a prayer for the Philippians believers. What is Paul praying for concerning the believers?
3. Philippians 1:12-14 is Paul informing the Philippians of what is happening with him and the believers in Rome. What is Paul letting the Philippians know?

Digging Deeper:

1. Paul evaluates people's motives in 1:15-18. What is Paul's response to the different motives that are being displayed? Is Paul bothered by the antagonism toward him? Does he take things personally?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. Our prayer for others is a definite source of experiencing and cultivating joy (1:3-4). Who is God bringing to your heart that He would like you to pray for?
2. Participating in the Gospel is also a source of maintaining our joy (1:12-14). Who is an encouragement to you as they are actively in the Gospel? How can you be an encouragement to others as you are in the Gospel?