

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 2, 2016
Philippians 1:3-11

1. What does Paul say about his relationship with the Philippians in verses 3-6?
 - a. They're alright.
 - b. I thank my God every time I remember you.
 - c. I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.
 - d. He is confident that "he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

2. What kind of partnership is Paul talking about here (see also Acts 16:15, 33-34, 40)?

3. What is the work that he is confident that God will carry on to completion?
 - a. Pretty much any work, I would guess!
 - b. Their willingness to partner in the mission of Christ.

4. Why does Paul feel so personally connected and joyful about the Philippian church?
 - a. Verse 5 suggests that they have been consistently faithful in their partnership in the gospel.
 - b. Verse 7 says that he has them in his heart and they share in God's grace with him.
 - c. Perhaps it has to do with Paul's specific call to go preach to them (see Acts 16:9-10).
 - d. Perhaps it has to do with their personal investment in his ministry referred to above in number 2.

5. How much are you invested in partnering in the Gospel? _____

6. What is Paul's prayer, in verses 9-10, for the Philippians?
 - a. That their love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight...
 - b. That they may be able to discern what is best...
 - c. That they may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...
 - d. That they may be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ...
 - e. That their lives may bring glory and praise to God.

7. What might need to change in your life if God were to answer Paul's prayer for you?

