

**PHILIPPIANS** 

### INTRODUCTION

### **OUR GOAL**

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with Him.

### THE PLAN

Each month, we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- A Bible you are comfortable marking in.
- Some markers or colored pencils.
- Worksheets we will provide.
- Time (about 30 minutes each day).
- Prayer (we always need God's help as we study the Bible).

### **BIBLE STUDY METHOD**

- Observation | What does it say?
   (Interrogate the text: who, what, when, where, and how.)
- Interpretation | What did it mean to the intended audience?
- Application | What did I learn that should affect my life?
   (Is there a behavior, attitude, or understanding that should change in my life?)

# **GOALS** (Each is valuable independently, but all three combined will provide the greatest result.)

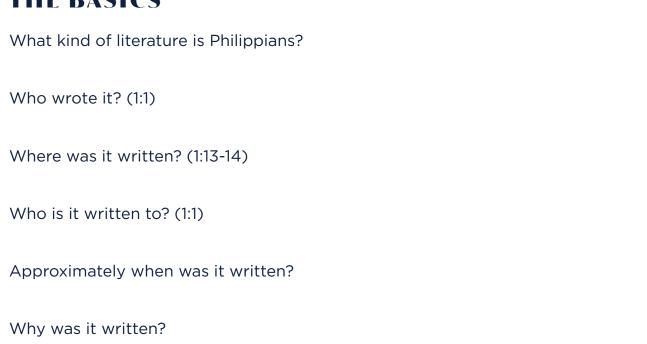
- Read (hopefully more than once).
- Mark (strategically looking for details that matter).
- Record (lists and labels—themes, places, teaching, prophecies, etc.).

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#### WHAT REALLY MATTERS

The church at Philippi has sent a special offering to Paul while he's in prison in Rome. They sent it by way of Epaphroditus, who, according to chapter 2, became very ill and nearly died while he was with Paul. In addition to the offering, Epaphroditus also brought to Paul a report about the church at Philippi, and Paul speaks into that report in this letter.

### THE BASICS



# LIST THE THINGS YOU LEARN ABOUT PAUL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI

(Record the passage where you found it.)

1) They were partners in spreading the Gospel. (1:3)	
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### PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE PHILIPPIANS

May God our Father and the I and (1:2)		Christ give you	ı
Every time I think of you, I		1	to my God. (1:3)
I make my requests for all of	you with	. (	(1:4)
God, who began the good wo is (1:6	_	ou, will contin	ue his work until it
I pray that your and that you will keep on (1:9			
May you always be filled with	the	of your _	(1:11)

What did Paul do to safeguard their faith? (3:1)

For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

Philippians 1:10

# **OUR CITIZENSHIP**

(Keep in mind that citizenship in Philippi was both a source of pride and an excuse for derision toward non-citizens.)	of		
Above all, you must live as of	(1:27)		
But we are of, where the Christ (3:20)	Lord Jesus	;	
What Does That Look Like?			
conducting yourselves in a worthy of the about Christ. (1:27)	ne Good Ne	ews	
standing together with one and one fighting together for the, which is the Good	, d News. (1:2	27)	
Don't be in any way by your		(1:28)	
You have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Chrithe privilege of for him. (1:29)	ist but also	)	
We are eagerly waiting for him to return as our	(3:20	)	
[When Jesus returns] He will take our mortal and them into bodies like his (3:21)			

I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. Philippians 1:20

# **ATTITUDES**

How to demonstrate electronic compassionate hearts.	_	ort, fellowship, and tender,
Agree	with each othe	r. (2:2)
Love	(2:2)	
Work together with on	e	and (2:2)
Don't be	(2:3)	
Don't try to	others. (2:3)	
Be, thinkir	ng of others as	than yourselves. (2:3)
Don't just look out for, too. (2:		, but take an interest in
Emulate The Atti	tude Christ Jesus Hac	d
	privilege (2:7)	es; he took the
He	himself in	to God (2:8)

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Philippians 2:14-15

# **SHINING BRIGHTLY FOR CHRIST**

Work hard to the results of your			·	(2:	12)		
Obey God with deep and			(2:12)				
Do	_ without <sub>-</sub>		and _			(2:	14)
Live clean,		_ lives as		of Go	d. (2:15	)	
Hold firmly to the		of		. (2:16)			
What do we learn about Epaphroditus? (2:25-30)							

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Philippians 2:13

# THE VALUE OF KNOWING CHRIST

Yes, everything else	is whe	en with
	_ value of knowing Christ Je	
	liscarded , so that I could gain	
become	with him. (3:9)	
For God's way of ma (3:9)	aking us right with himself d	lepends on
	w and at him from t	
	with him, shar ther I will experience the ! (3:10-11)	

Everything is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Philippians 3:8

# **FOCUS CHECKLIST**

(See 4:8)

What is true.	
What is honorable.	
What is right.	
What is pure.	
What is lovely.	
What is admirable.	
Things that are excellent.	
Things that are worthy of praise.	

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me... Philippians 4:9

# **CHAPTER THEMES**

Chapter 1	
Chapter 2	
Chapter 3	
Chapter 4	