



## Philippians 1:1-11 Joy and Partnership in Christ

Joy!

Paul and the Philippian church (v.1-2)

“This is how I remember you” (v.3-6)

“This is how I feel about you” (v.7-8)

“This is how I pray for you” (v.9-11)



## Questions to think & pray through

Read through the whole letter to the Philippians (it can be done in 20 minutes). How many references to 'joy' or 'rejoice' can you find? Which do you find most striking?

When you hear the word 'joy', what do you often think joy is? What would you say is biblical and true joy?

### **Read Philippians 1:1-2**

How do you think Paul could write: "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ," when he was stuck in a prison cell?

### **Read Philippians 1:3-6**

What do you think 'partnership in the gospel' looked like for Paul and the Philippians?

What do you think it could/should look like for us at PBC?

### **Read Philippians 1:7-8**

Why is Paul's affection for the Philippians based on their partnership in Christ?

Do you feel great affection for every other person at PBC? What might change the way you feel about people?

Do you think you are someone that others feel great affection for? What might need to change in you for this to be so?

### **Read Philippians 1:9-11**

What do think it would look like for our church's love to "abound more and more" (v.9)?

When did you last ask God to show you how to love someone best? Do you tend to act on impulse in terms of what you think is most loving?

How do we pray for and help each other become more Christlike, growing in righteousness?

Would you pray for this to become a reality in our lives over the next 6 months or more?!