

Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, October 18, 2020

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

We experience joy by partnering in demonstrating and declaring the gospel, daily pursuing the grace of the gospel, defending and confirming the gospel, all for the praise and glory of God.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What is joy? Contrast joy with happiness.
- What filled Paul with joy and thanksgiving for the Philippian church? Do you thank God regularly for the people who have impacted your life? Do you make it easy for others to be joyful and thankful when they think of you?
- What *partnership* did Paul and the Philippian church enjoy? What is the shared purpose and mission of God's people, the church?
- What is the basis of Paul's confidence that God will complete his work in the Philippian church (Verse 6)?
- How did the Philipppians participate in Paul's defense and confirmation of the gospel? How did they share in the grace of the gospel?
- How are you participating with and supporting others with Christ's love in the advancement of the gospel (verse 7)?
- What was Paul's prayerful and desire for the church (verse 9)?
- Explain why love is the distinctive mark of our faith in Christ. Do you love God and people more today than you did a year ago?
- Why should knowledge and discernment accompany love (Verses 9-10)? What does it produce, and what is its ultimate aim (Verse 11)?