

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, January 31, 2021



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Paul concludes his letter with a doxology praising our God and Father, a collective greeting from himself and fellow saints, and an encouraging reminder of the sufficiency of God's grace.

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

- Sum up the central theme of Paul's letter to the Philippians in one sentence. Share some ways Paul celebrated, exhorted, encouraged, and exemplified this truth throughout his letter.
- Why does Paul conclude his letter with a doxology?
- Why does the title Father reveal about God? Can you address God as your Father?
- What does it mean that God is inherently and eternally glorious (Revelation 4:11, 5:12)? How do we *ascribe* glory to God?
- How does Paul show his personal love and appreciation to the church with his greeting (verse 21)? Who also sent their greetings to the church (verses 21-22)? Based on Paul's use of the term in this passage and elsewhere throughout Scripture, how should we define the word saint? How is this term frequently misused?
- What does the existence of saints within Caesar's household underscore about the nature of God's grace? Are you demonstrating and declaring the gospel *indiscriminately* and praying for and encouraging others to do the same?
- Explain how the Christian life is one marked by the grace of God (Romans 3:23-24; 1 Peter 1:3-5)?