

Ice Breaker

(in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

If your week was a bumper sticker, what would it say?

Talk About it!

Part 1

Read Philippians 1:1-2

Discuss:

Paul calls the believers “God’s holy people who belong to Christ Jesus.”

- A. How does your identity in Christ shape the way you view yourself this week?
- B. Why is it so easy to forget or downplay this identity?

Part 2

Read Philippians 1:3-5, 7-8

Discuss:

Paul models joyful, affectionate prayer for the church.

- A. Who in your life do you find it easy to pray for? Who is more challenging?
- B. What might shift if you prayed regularly for the “tough people” in your life?

Part 3

Read Philippians 1:6

Discuss:

Paul is convinced that “God finishes what He starts.”

- A. Where in your life do you struggle to believe that God is still at work?
- B. How does knowing the “end” (Christ’s return) empower you for the “middle” (current struggles)?

Part 4

Read Philippians 1:9-10

Discuss:

Paul doesn’t separate love from wisdom – they grow together.

- A. How do you think love can shape discernment?
- B. Where in your life are you asking God for greater discernment right now?

Part 5

Read Philippians 1:11

Discuss:

Paul says righteousness is fruit – not something we force, but something God grows.

- A. What helps you stay rooted in Christ instead of striving in self-effort?
- B. How do you think the way you “tend the tree” (your life in God) affects the fruit?

Prayer Time

- Pray for each other to abound in love and be filled with the fruit of righteousness