

Sermon Questions
Philippians 1:1-11

This week we discussed the evidences of pray-er and how spending time in the presence of God changes us. When spending time with Jesus, we become humble because we realize we are nothing more than willing slaves for His glory. Yet, at the same time, we are saints of God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Spending time in God's presence also makes us grateful for the opportunity to participate in Christ's mission of the Gospel. There is no greater joy than knowing that God is using your life to impact the world for Christ. Through this mission, we gain deep friendships and a love for God that is deep and special, unlike any other, and we also gain a strong desire to see God's people mature and grow. As the Apostle Paul writes under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we should grow in our hunger to spend time alone with Jesus.

Please review the sermon notes below...

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**Our Practice as a Pray-er
Philippians 1:1-11**

Our practice as a pray-er produces a...

Humility in your true identity. (1-2)

Thankfulness for participation in Christ's Mission. (3-6)

Genuine love for God's people. (7-8)

Desire for the sanctification in others. (9-11)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to get connected with a group that will work for you.

1. What title does the Apostle Paul use to describe himself? Why would he choose this title instead of Apostle to the Gentiles? Why is this significant? Who does he address in his letter? What is the significance of a title? If you no longer are in your role because your title or geography has changed, what should that tell you about your title?
2. Why does Paul address the Philippian people with grace and peace?
3. Why is Paul so grateful for his relationship with the Philippian Church? What was significant about this church and their relationship to Paul? Why is it important to be invested in Christ's mission? What is God's vehicle that He promises to bless for His mission?
4. How confident is Paul that God is still at work despite his absence from the Philippian people? What does Paul believe that God is accomplishing and will complete in Philippian believers? What can we learn from Paul's confidence from God's work when we consider the people at BRAVE Church?
5. How often does Paul pray for the Philippian church? Why? What are some lessons that we should learn from the way in which Paul prays for church members? What are some ways you could grow more in your prayer life? In what specific way could you pray right now for someone at BRAVE Church? What difference do our prayers really make?
6. What clues do you receive about Paul's heart for the Philippian church? How does he feel about them? Why does he feel the way that he does? Why in the world does Paul yearn to be together with them? Do you have this hunger and yearning for the people at BRAVE Church? Why or why not? Should this be normative for all believers?
7. When Paul prays for the Philippian church, what is His specific desire? What is real knowledge? What is all discernment? Why are these virtues essential in the life of a believer?
8. How are you currently praying for people at BRAVE Church to grow in their sanctification? How might the process of praying for others actually change you? If prayer is so important, then why do you think we are so weak in our prayer times?
9. How important is it that the believers in Philippi retain integrity until they meet Christ? What fruit should the saints in Philippi be expected to have? What is the purpose of having good fruit?
10. How have you seen people at BRAVE Church bear good fruit? How does that glorify God? How does that motivate you?

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- Please share your story about “How God has been working in Your Life”

Online Prayer Gatherings -- <https://bravechurch.co/online-prayer-gathering/>

- Meet weekly at various times – find out more by clicking the above link.

Celebration: More than 33 states were represented at First Tuesday this week!

