



**PHILIPPIANS**  
**PARTNERS FOR LIFE**





Philippians - MPC Growth Group Study Guide - 2022

Our midweek  
*growth groups*  
are the heart of our church  
life together. They are, as the  
name suggests, about growing!  
We grow in...



- **our understanding of God's Word**

Our studies follow the Sunday sermons, and there's lots of room for interaction, discussion and questions.

- **our love for God**

Meeting together is truly life-changing as God works powerfully in us by His Spirit through His Word.

- **our love for God's family**

They're a great place to build real, encouraging friendships, while providing opportunities to practically serve, care and pray for one another.

- **our love for God's world**

Our groups are a place where we can pray and partner with one another in God's mission to the world.

in His love & grace,

# INTRODUCING PHILIPPIANS



It's often the case that family are the ones with the greatest capacity to bring much joy or deep hurt. You may have experienced this dynamic in your own family and possibly the church family as well. This was certainly the case for Paul. The churches in Galatia and in Corinth were challenging, while the church in Philippi (and others) brought him much joy. As we consider Paul's letter to the church at Philippi we will, I pray, learn something about the characteristics and attitudes which Paul finds so encouraging and so joy producing in the church. I think that those characteristics can be summed up as partnership and progress. But don't take my word for it, dive into the letter with us and see what your summary might be (bonus points for alliteration).

study 1

## **Philippians 1:1-11**

study 2

## **Philippians 1:12-26**

study 3

## **Philippians 1:27-2:4**

study 4

## **Philippians 2:5-11**

study 5

## **Philippians 2:12-30**

study 6

## **Philippians 3:1-11**

study 7

## **Philippians 3:12-4:1**

study 8

## **Philippians 4:2-23**



## Study 1

# Philippians 1:1-11

## 1. Growth through Relationships

What has been **good** and what has been a **challenge** for you this week?

Take a little time to pray for each other.

## 2. Growth through the Word

Read this week's passage.

What is the ...

- **Gist** of the passage?

- **Gems** of the passage?

- **Jams** (difficulties/questions) of the passage?
  
- How does this passage point us to **Jesus**?
  
- What is one way the teaching of this passage will **shape your life** this week (and moving forward)?

### **3. Growth through Prayer**

Be sure to leave a good amount of time for this part.

Take time as a group to pray for the ministry of MPC locally and globally. Try to use the passage as much as possible to guide and shape your prayers.