

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

## April 14, 2024 | Philippians 1:7-11

- 1) Philippians is known as one of the "prison epistles", letters written during the time that Paul was in prison as described in the book of Acts. Read Acts 28:16-31... What does this passage tell us about the reason that Paul was especially passionate about Gentile believers, like the believers in Philippi?
- 2) Read Philippians 1:6-11 and Philippians 2:12-18... In these verses the "day of Christ" is mentioned three times (1:6; 1:10; and 2:16). Based on these verses, what are we meant to do to be found ready for that day?

What do Philippians 1:6, 1:11, and 2:13 reveal about how our preparation for the "day of Christ" is even possible?

- 3) In Philippians 1:9 Paul shares his prayer for the Philippians, that they would grow in love along with knowledge and discernment. Why do you think Paul highlights the need for knowledge and discernment to be connected to a person abounding in love?
- 4) What "fruit of righteousness" do you think God is wanting to produce in you next? Is there anything that you know God is calling you to do?
- 5) At Grace Christian Fellowship one of our values is the priority of prayer based on what we see in Scripture, and you might hear people say this phrase: "prayer is our steering wheel, not our spare tire." The priority of prayer is central in Paul's greeting in Philippians 1:3-11. Why do you think Paul begins his letter to the Philippians in this way?

Pick 5 people you know who desire to become better followers of Jesus and pray for them using Philippians 1:9-11 as your prayer.