



Lifegroup Notes - Philippians 1:1-6

If you have the time please read all of Paul's letter to the Philippians and Luke's history of the founding of the church in Philippi as recorded in Acts chapter 16 in preparation for this week's Lifegroup.

Discussion Questions

- As you read through Paul's letter to the Philippians what recurring themes do you notice? What do you think are Paul's main motivations for writing this letter?
- Read Philippians 1:1-2, what does this introduction teach us about Paul opinion of himself (see Philippians 1:21). Why does he refer to the believers in Philippi as God's holy people? (see Philippians 3:16). Do you see yourself as holy? Why/why not?
- Why does Paul include Timothy's name at the start of this letter? (see Philippians 2:19-24)
- Read Philippians 1:3-5, Why is Paul so thankful for the Philippians? (see Philippians 2:25. In what way has Paul and the Philippians partnership in the gospel brought him joy? (see Philippians 4:14-16). Who are you thankful for in your Christian journey?

Read Philippians 1:6

- Paul begins this verse by saying that he has confidence, where does this confidence come from? How might the events of Acts 16 helped Paul to have confidence in God's work at Philippi? What circumstances have you faced in your own life that have caused you to loose confidence in God? How did you overcome them?
- Paul reminds the Philippians that it is God who began the good work in them. Why did the Philippians need reminding of this? Why do we?
- What is the 'good work' that God is doing in our lives? (see Romans 8:28-29). How does God achieve this work in our lives (see Philippians 2:13, Ezekiel 36:26-27). What circumstances (good or bad) has God used in your life to shape you to become more like his Son?
- Paul finishes this verse by saying that God will see his work in your life through to completion? What, if anything gets in the way of you of believing this truth? How can we increase our confidence that God is at work in our lives?