

# PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

Philippians 1.1-8

## BACKGROUND: A CHURCH IS BORN

Philippians 1.1-11

It's been 10 years, and the small group of people who had gotten saved have now become a church led by Elders, with Deacons administering, and faithful saints living sacrificially. The opening tone sets the stage for the whole letter and gives great insight into Paul's paternal care and love for the Philippians.

The word "partnership" that Paul uses is the Greek word "koinonia." It's the word we use for "fellowship," and is used to denote a unity that people have, whether in family, friendships, or even business.

**The heart of true fellowship is  
self-sacrificing conformity to shared vision.**

- D.A. Carson

## HOW DO WE PARTNER?

2 Corinthians 7.2-4

### 1. **Gospel Generosity and Sacrifice**

- Much evidence points to the idea that the Philippian church was probably the most generous and financially supportive of Paul.
- The Word gives specific responsibility to the people to take care of those who labor for the Gospel.

### 2. **Suffering with One Another**

- Bearing with one another's burdens.
- We won't be perfect, and we'll always be able to do better/more.
- But we must be willing to suffer with each other.

### 3. **Praying for and with One Another**

- We must be actively praying for others, and praying with them.
- Being willing to go deeper in conversations.

## HOPE FOR OUR JOY

God has provided everything we need to pursue joy, unity, and partnership with others. He has already given you people to pray with, a church to grow in and be committed to, ministry and people to support with generosity, and He will continue and finish the job He began in you.

Our job is to recognize these things and step out, trusting that His Word is true. Then, putting the Gospel first in these things, we seek to be a blessing for the purpose of God's glory in the world we've been put in.

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Galatians 4:6-7**

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)

### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv).



## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who is able to recite the memory verse?

Read through **Philippians 1:1-8**. What stood out to you the most from these verses or the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

What two terms does Paul tend to use in his salutations? Read **Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 1:2, Galatians 1:3, Ephesians 1:2**. Why do you think he chose these two terms for his greetings? Does focusing on one lead to the other? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is Paul when he's writing to the Philippians? (Hint: see **verses 7 and 14**.) In **verses 3-5**, Paul fondly remembers his time with the church at Philippi. Knowing what we learned last week about how Paul's first trip to Philippi went, and where Paul is when he's writing, does it surprise you that he is so joyful? In your own words, why do you think Paul is joyful? What is his focus? \_\_\_\_\_

We sometimes hear about Christians who don't feel the need to surround themselves with other believers, or invest in a body of believers (a church). What does this passage tell us about being committed to a body of believers and partnering with other believers? (Rhetorically, ask yourself: How effective is an army of just one person?) Read **Hebrews 10:24-25; Romans 12:4-8; Psalm 133:1; Acts 4:32**. \_\_\_\_\_

How does Paul's passion for the Gospel lead him to deeper affection for love for others, and especially for other believers? In your own words, why is Christian love for one-another so important? Read **John 13:34, 1 John 3:11-16, Romans 12:10**. \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday, Jobey mentioned that where we spend our time, money, thoughts, and commitments is where, what, and who we are truly partnering with. What is most reflected when you think of your partnership in these areas?

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Money: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commitment: \_\_\_\_\_ Passion: \_\_\_\_\_

This passage shows us Paul pouring himself into the church at Philippi. Because Paul loves the Gospel foremost, he therefore takes great joy at seeing the church at Philippi advance the Gospel, and thus he loves the believers with whom he has partnered for that purpose. Take some time to reflect – how are you doing with loving other believers? Are you pouring yourself into the work of advancing the Gospel? Which ways are you doing this? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you partnering with others for the sake of Christ? Are your Christian friendships unique among all your friendships because of your common faith? Do you let hardships, busy schedules, or pride get in the way of deepening your Christian relationships? If so, what do you need to do differently? \_\_\_\_\_



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