



# TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-8

## GETTING STARTED

- Talk about a time where you were filled with joy in a season of immense hardship. What were some of the circumstances of your situation? How did you fight for your joy in that season?

## SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Before you begin:** *Spend a minute or two in silence before God. Ask the Holy Spirit to enter into your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passage aloud and note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Why is it difficult to find joy when we are going through a very difficult trial or situation? What do you think was Paul's secret?
- What does it mean to be "partakers of grace?" How do we go about doing that as a follower of Jesus?
- In verse 6 what does it mean when Paul says "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus"
- How are we to harvest the fruit of righteousness in our lives?

## WRAPPING UP

- Where do you need to experience the joy which comes from knowing Jesus? How might you strive for it in seasons of deep hardship?

## PRAY

- Take time to pray for your group and lift up your requests. Pray for one another so they may experience the same joy that only comes from Christ.