

applying God's Word to life

October 3rd-5thth, 2020

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

- 1. Discussion starter: Come up with the best way to explain teamwork to a 5-year-old child.
- 2. Read Acts 16. When Paul remembered their "partnership in the gospel" what might he have thought of?

- 3. List things you would not do alone but we are doing as partners in ministry at Mount Olive?
- 4. Agree or Disagree. Because of Philippians 1:6, we can be confident that our Forward in Faith campaign will be successful.
- 5. Go through verses 7 and 8, dividing them into chunks wherever a comma or period appears. What does each phrase tell you about Paul's relationship with the Philippian church?
- 6. Choose one of your answers from question 5 and translate it into a practical goal for your relationships to Mount Olive.
- 7. If a friend asked you why you pray for your church, how would you explain?
- 8. In your own words, what does Paul ask God to give the Philippians in verse 9-11?
- 9. How might Praying Paul's Partnership Prayer influence God? How might it influence the people of our church?
- 10. Work together to write a prayer you might use for Mount Olive. Try to catch the attitude, purpose and request of Philippians 1:3-11.