



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Sacred Joy: A study of Philippians
October 4, 2009
Philippians 1.3-11

1. Was the church at Philippi perfect? Why or why not? (3.17-18; 4.2-3)
2. Paul has in view the *participation/fellowship in the gospel* that the Philippians and himself share (1.5). What does he mean by *participation/fellowship in the gospel*?
3. What is at the center of Paul's relationships? What does a relationship with the fellowship of the gospel at the center of it look like? What ties us together? What holds us together? Marriage, friendship, dating/courting, parenting, siblings, or in relationship with our parents?
4. According to Paul, what is the good work that God has begun in the Philippians (1.6)? What about you?
5. What are some examples of ways you see God carrying out the work that he started in your life or in the lives of others around you? In marriage, in your kids lives etc.
6. What gives Paul joy? What gives you your greatest joy (3 John 4)? What right now is causing you to struggle with having joy in all circumstances?
7. What are Paul's petitions in his prayers for the Philippians? What is the ultimate goal of Paul's prayers(1.11)? What do you pray for? Do our prayers have this depth in them or such petitions for the church?