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Sermon Study Equipping Class  
Homework

Philippians 1:9-11

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

Read Phil 1:9-11 aloud.

And this I pray,  
that your love may abound still more and more  
in real knowledge  
and all discernment,  
so that you may approve  
the things that are excellent,  
in order to be sincere and blameless  
until the day of Christ;  
having been filled  
with the fruit of righteousness  
which comes through Jesus Christ,  
to the glory and praise of God.

DAY 1

1. What is the context of this section 1:9-11?
2. What genre is Philippians? How does that affect our reading of this text?
3. How did the Philippian church form? (Acts 16:6-40)

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4. What are the two main emphases of Paul's prayer for the Philippian church? (v.9-10)
5. What does Paul pray specifically would occur as a result of abounding love? (v 9b)
6. What does 'discernment' mean? (v9)

DAY 2

7. How does this Phil 1:9 relate to 1 Thess. 3:12?
8. What does Paul mean by "approve the things that are excellent?" (v.10)
9. What does Paul mean by "sincere and blameless?" (10b)

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10. In hopes of what does Paul pray for these changes? (v 10b)
11. Why might he include language of Christ's second coming?
12. How does 1:10 relate to 1:6?
13. What is significant about the verb tense "having been filled?" (v11)
14. Why did Paul include language of "filling" as it pertains to the "fruit of righteousness" when we might expect "bearing" fruit, like in Mat 3:8?

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15. Through whom does the fruit of righteousness come? Why is this significant?

DAY 3

16. What is the end goal of Paul's prayer? (v11)

17. What does this passage teach us about prayer?

18. Summarize the passage in one sentence.

19. What does this passage prompt the reader to do in response?

20. How have you been encouraged to think differently about prayer?