

Philippians - Core Help 1:1-11

Goals: The goal of this study is to help your Core group get to know each other through Paul's letter to the Philippians, and also to introduce them to this letter that our whole community will be studying together this quarter.

Openers:

- Go around the room, introduce yourselves to each other, and what the number one reason was that you came to Core tonight.
- Go around the room and tell us about a great friend of yours in your life - what was it that made them such a good friend to you?

Scripture: The Scripture we're gonna look at is also about friendship - it's a letter from Paul and Timothy who are very clearly near and dear to the community of God's people in Philippi. Our whole community is going to study it this Fall quarter - on Friday Nights and in our Cores. They won't necessarily come in the same order, but by the end of the quarter, we'll all be soaked in this great letter about how to live like God's new community.

Read Philippians 1:1-11

Observations:

- From this opening section, what ingredients do you see in Paul's relationship with the Philippian community that made it such a great relationship?

Applications:

- Shifting gears to our own lives: What are you looking for/hoping to get from your participation in this Core?
- If you think about this Core as a brand new community just starting out, what are some basic ingredients that should be present from the get-go, if we want to grow into a community like Paul and the Philippians?
- What do you think it will take from each of us, to become that kind of community for each other?
- Have each guy/girl write out v.9-11 in their own words. Ask for a couple brave volunteers willing to read their prayer out loud, as a prayer for this Core.