

5. How do Paul's words to the Philippian believers compare to his remarks to other groups of believers in some of his other letters? What sets the Philippians apart? What are the similarities?

Practicing It Together:

6. This week's text concludes with Paul's prayer for the church in Philippi (v. 9-11). What are the themes of that prayer? In what ways do those themes compare with the ways in which we pray for one another?

7. Take time to pray those principles for one another, and for our church as a whole, both together and then throughout the week.

The Fellowship of the Gospel
Philippians 1:3-11
January 11, 2015

1. I Have You In My Mind (v. 3-6)

2. I Have You In My Heart (v. 7-8)

3. I Have You In My Prayers (v. 9-11)

Message-Based Discussion Questions

1. As you reflect on the message, what was one observation, application, or insight that stood out to you?

2. Read Philippians 1:3-11 (the text from the message). In what ways can you see Paul's heart and concern for the church in Philippi?

How about us? How can Paul's words challenge our own attitudes toward the church?

3. What are the reasons Paul praised God for the church in Philippi? How did his words provide encouragement to that body of believers?

How do Paul's words encourage us as a church to continue to grow together?

How do his words point us toward the target we ought to be aiming for as a community of believers? And how are we personally and corporately moving toward that target?

Digging Deeper (for further study):

4. There are a number of key principles relating to how we grow and mature as followers of Jesus Christ interspersed throughout this text. Can you identify them? Why do you think Paul included them in his opening comments to the church in Philippi?

How can those key principles be applied to your own life, right where you are, and to our community of believers?