

Small Group Bible Study / Discussion

Sermon Series: Joyful Faith
Sermon Title: Pray for one another

Date: May 3, 2009

Passage: Philippians 1:9-11

Message # 2

Think about it

- What do you tend to pray for other people when you pray for them?
- How would you like other people to pray for you?
- How significant is it that people are praying for each other?

Examine it

- What does Paul pray for his readers? (9)
- What does Paul desire the result of his prayer to be for them? (10-11)
- Where does righteousness come from? (11)

Discuss it

- What is Paul's concern for his readers? What kind of relationship does he have with them?
- What does it mean for "love to abound ..in knowledge and insight?"
- How might that lead to better discernment?
- Why is it important to be pure and blameless? What does that look like in our lives?
- What does it mean to be filled with the fruit of righteousness?
- How does this prayer compare to other of Paul's prayers (Eph. 1:15-21; 3:14-21; Col. 1:9-14)

Live it out

- How often do you specifically pray for other people?
- What do you tend to pray about for others?
- What does this prayer of Paul's (and others) teach or challenge you to do?
- How can you pray according to God's will for others?
- How would you like others in your group to pray for you?
- Take some time praying for one another in a way that reflects some of the things Paul prays for others.

Pray about it

What does this study prompt you to pray about?

...something to praise God for? ...thank God for? ...confess? ...ask for?

Additional passage for meditation or memory: Eph. 1:15-21; 3:14-21; Col. 1:9-14

Next week's passage: Philippians 1:12-18