

Discussion Guide for Philippians 1:1-6

1. Read Philippians 1:1-6 and briefly review the sermon outline.

The target time is five minutes.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: God offers us joy for our journey in this world. The big problem is that joy leaks. When the struggles of life come, it seems like our joy is the first thing to be drained. One resource that God uses to keep filling up our joy is our partnerships with other believers.

Read Philippians 1:3-11

What are some ways that partnership was expressed from Paul to the church?

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Share how have you seen the prayers, visitation, or financial help of other believers fill up your joy?

Who in your life can you give a joy refill this week through your prayers, visitation, or financial help? *Name* _____

Read Acts 4:16-31

In this story, what are some ways that God used partnership with other believers to give encouragement and fill up joy?

How have you experienced renewed joy from God in the midst of pressures through the partnership of other believers?

What can we do to deepen or expand our partnerships for mutual joy?