

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Philippians 1:1-6

For the week of September 13, 2026

A Big Idea to Focus On: God faithfully begins, continues, and completes His work in His people.

What Does It Say? (Training us to read the text carefully)

1. As you read verses 1–2, who is writing, who is receiving the letter, and how does Paul describe both himself and the believers in Philippi? What do those descriptions tell us about their shared identity?
2. In verses 3–5, what words and ideas does Paul connect with his prayers for the Philippians? What reasons does he give for his gratitude and joy?
3. Paul says the Philippians have been in “partnership in the gospel” from the first day until now (v. 5). What does the word *partnership* suggest about their relationship with Paul and the work of the gospel?
4. Look carefully at verse 6. Who begins the “good work,” who continues it, and who will bring it to completion? What does this verse emphasize about God’s role in the growth of His people?

How is this lived out? (Applying the truth in every area of our life)

1. Paul’s gratitude was shaped by seeing God at work in other people. How can we grow in noticing, celebrating, and thanking God for His work in one another?
2. What does genuine “partnership in the gospel” look like beyond simply attending church or participating in a ministry?
3. Where are you tempted to become discouraged or impatient with the pace of your spiritual growth? How does verse 6 change the way you think about the process?
4. If God is committed to completing the work He has begun in us, how should that shape the way we respond to areas where we still need to grow?