

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

Sermon Reflection Questions

These questions are designed to help individuals, families, and small groups discuss and apply passages in the Philippians sermon series as taught at Grace Bible Church in fall 2018.

Observe & Interpret

Read Philippians 1:3-11. List 3 or more observations about Paul's prayer life from these verses.

Define the word "love" (greek: agape) using the following passages: Matthew 5:43-44; John 15:13; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Contrast this with our culture's definition of the word.

What does Paul mean by "real knowledge and all discernment" (hint: the beginning of v10 will give you a clue)? What is the relationship between love and "knowledge and discernment"? Why do we need both?

What will be the results of growing in "love guided by knowledge and discernment"? In other words, why is this growth worth praying for?

Apply

How does this passage motivate your prayer life? What specific practices or habits in prayer will you pursue this week?

Spend a few minutes asking God to grow selfless love guided by wisdom in you, your family, your friends, and our church.

Memorize: Philippians 1:9-11. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.