



Part 2: A Full Christian Life Together

Philippians 1:7-11

Note: We have provided more questions here than you will likely need. Please pick and choose the questions you think will create the best discussion in your group, and don't feel like you need to discuss every question.

Ask

- Share a time in your life when you were faced with a task, project, or challenge that was made easier because you had other people to help or support you.

Discuss

Ask

- Towards the beginning of the sermon Pastor Lance said that God is communal and relational in his nature. Why is that significant?
- Pastor Lance also said that many of us are socially and relationally malnourished. What are realistic examples of social and relational nourishment in your life? Where do you go for it and are you getting enough of it?
- Where have you seen isolation hurt your personal and spiritual life? What are some tangible ways the church community has helped your spiritual life?

Read

Read Philippians 1: 7-9

“It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more...”

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Ask

- Do you find it easy or difficult to be emotionally engaged with your faith? Why is that? Why is the emotional engagement that Pastor Lance talked about important?
- In Philippians 1:8-9 we see Paul’s love for the Philippians and his prayer that they would love one another. What is your ‘love’ level for Bridgeway these days? How do you go about caring for the people in our church family? How do we maintain our love for our church family in the midst of the busyness of life?
- In the sermon Pastor Lance mentioned the importance of mindset and atmosphere if we are going to love others. What are practical shifts in your mindset or atmosphere can help you live out the love God calls you to show others?

Read

Read Philippians 1:10-11

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

Ask

- In Philippians 1:10 Paul says he is praying that the Philippians would be able to, “Discern what is best...” How do you go about discerning God’s will in your own life? What practices do you find helpful, and
- What questions do you have about how to know God’s will?

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Ask

- What is your reaction to Pastor Lance's dreams for Bridgeway? How can we, as a church family, make those dreams a reality?
- What other dreams do you have for Bridgeway?

Close**Prayer**

- Take some time to pray for Bridgeway. You may want to split into two or three groups if your group is large. Close your time by praying Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:10-11 over our church and your group.