



*January 15/16 Sermon | Philippians 1:1-11*

### **UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY**

As we seek to understand the story of the people of God in this text, we'll look at the problems being addressed and the solution that is offered. Read Php. 1:1-11

1. What details do we learn about Paul in these opening verses?
  - a. What does he call himself?
  - b. What emotions is he feeling?
  - c. What are his present circumstances?
2. What details do we learn about the recipients of the letter (the church in Philippi)?
  - a. What does Paul call them?
  - b. How does Paul feel about them?
  - c. How are they partners with Paul?
3. What goals does Paul have for the Philippian church?

## CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read Acts 2:42-47.

1. We learn much about the church in Jerusalem in this short passage:
  - a. What activities are prioritized in the church?
  - b. What are some of the characteristics of this church?

## APPLY TO OUR STORY

The Holy spirit leads the mission and ensures that there will be a response to the preaching of the gospel.

1. In Php. 1:1-11 we see the deep love Paul has for the church at Philippi, and this affection for the church and other Christians is something we should also see in our churches.
  - a. What are some of the qualities you love about Northview church, either in the congregation or in the leadership of the church?
  - b. What are specific traits, skills, or habits you love to see in the people of your CG?
2. Paul loves the church and prays for their growth, and again this is something we ought to imitate.
  - a. Look at your 5 x 5 x 5 list:
    - i. How can you pray for growth in some of the people on your list?
  - b. What is one area in your life you can commit to growing in this year?
    - i. What are some measurable goals or benchmarks on your way to this goal?
    - ii. How can you invite others into this growth journey with you?

## Prayer

Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

*Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?*

*Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?*

*Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?*

