

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

WORTH PURSUING | PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11  
FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. A centrality of Jesus Christ in everything.  
Philippians 1:1-2
2. A genuine partnership in the Gospel.  
Philippians 1:3-5
3. A confidence in God's working.  
Philippians 1:6
4. A growing love for each other.  
Philippians 1:7-9a
5. An unwavering commitment to God's glory. Philippians 1:9b-11

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Check for understanding: what's the difference between the doctrine of eternal security vs the doctrine of assurance of salvation? How are they related or similar?
2. Looking back at the passage and your notes, what was something that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or you have questions about?
3. Pastor Dave gave 4 ways we ought to think and act toward one another in the church (1. Appreciate others in the church. 2. Take the opportunity to tell others you care. 3. Pray for the needs of others. 4. Lovingly help others to grow.) Thinking about all of Scripture, what are other ways we should love each other in the church?
4. Give some examples of the types of things church commonly becomes about over and above Jesus Christ. What can we as members or regular attenders of the church (as opposed to being a pastor or elder) do to prevent ourselves and the church from drifting from focusing on Jesus to these other things?
5. In the original context of Philippians 1, does 1:6 refer to individuals' work or the work of the church? Back it up with evidence from the passage. Based on your answer, to what extent does this truth apply to the opposite (e.g., if you think it is referring to individuals, to what degree does it apply to the work of the whole church)?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How are you participating and partnering with the rest of the church body in doing the work of the ministry? (Eph 4:4,12-13). If you are convicted about needing to grow in this area, what's one idea you have of how to do that?
2. What is at least one way you see the love you show your family, your coworkers, your brothers and sisters in Christ reflecting God's love, and what is at least one way you see it actually more reflecting man's self-centered love?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God that when He begins a work, He will always complete it!
2. Pray that City on a Hill would be a great church, aligned with God's will for His church.
3. Ask God to provide wisdom, discernment, and guidance for City on a Hill and West Madison Bible Church as they look to what's next in the coming year.