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## **SHARING**

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

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## **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

Read the passage (Philippians 1:1-11) and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
  2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
  3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
  4. What are the immediate application points?
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## **DEEPER DISCUSSION**

1. Philippians is often referred to as the epistle of joy. How would you define "joy?" Who have you known that has been someone who demonstrated joy?
2. Paul is thankful for the Philippians because of their "partnership in the gospel" (v.5). How did they "partner" with him? What are some ways that you could be a partner in the gospel with our leaders and missionaries?
3. Verse 6 has provided great comfort to those in the throes of suffering. What do you think that verse means? And why is it so helpful to us when we need some encouragement?
4. Paul describes his affection for the Philippians with some strong words (v.7-8). What is it that creates that kind of relationship within the Body of Christ?
5. Look at verses 9-11 and talk about Paul's prayer for the Philippian church. What are his prayers focused on? What are your prayers usually focused on?
6. What can we learn for our own prayer life from Paul's example of his prayers for the Philippian church?