

## Philippians 1:1-11

### Welcome

When did you last (hand) write a letter? - and/or when did you last receive a handwritten letter?



### Worship

Invite groups members to share briefly where they have been most aware of God over the summer months.

Turn this into a time of thanksgiving and worship.



### Word

1. Read Philippians 1:1-11
2. Vs 1—what does it mean to be a holy people? (see also 2 Peter 2:9)
3. What does it mean to be 'in Christ'? How would you explain this to someone outside church?
4. Vs 3-6—why is Paul thankful? What is the source of his joy? What can we take away from this?
5. What does it mean to say that we are partners in the Gospel? Is that how you see yourself and others?
6. What is the good work of vs 6?
7. Vs 9-11 How does love abound in knowledge and insight?  
(NRSV translation says: *this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best*)
8. Read through Philippians 1:1-11. What vs has particularly struck you during the study? Can you say why? Try and sum up in one sentence what you will take away from today/tonight.



### Witness

Spend some time this week praying for the new Alpha course (begins 18th Sept).

Is there anyone you could invite along?

*Remember our job is simply to invite—the worst that can happen is someone says no!!*

