

WEEK ONE

Partnership in the Gospel

Acts 16:9-10 NIV

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:12-15 ^{NIV}

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Philippi

A strategic place for the Gospel

A generous & unified people for the Gospel

Philippians 1:1-2 ^{NIV}

Paul and Timothy, *servants (bondslaves)* of Christ Jesus,
To all God's *holy people (saints)* in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together
with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace and peace to you from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Identity

(Seed)

Saints because we are set apart **by God**
Bondslaves because we are set apart **to God**

Philippians 1:8-11 ^{NIV}

God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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Lifestyle

(Fruit)

A discerning love that grows enough to see and pursue what is best: right living that comes from Jesus and brings glory to Him

Philippians 1:3-7 ^{NIV}

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for ***all of you***, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership (*fellowship*) in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ 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 (*fellowship*) in God's grace with me.

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Community

(Soil)

Grateful for fellowship in grace
Confident in future work of grace

Participation in the Gospel

Seed – Identity (1:1-2)

Fruit – Lifestyle (1:9-11)

Soil – Community (1:3-8)