Group Conversation Guide
Week of November 5

SERIES: **More to Life: *A study in Philippians***
Scripture: Philippians 1

BEFORE YOUR MEETING

Watch or attend this week's message by Cris O'Brian from Church at Viera:
https://churchatviera.com/live/

BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION (ICEBREAKER)

- Who do you know who seems to find joy even in difficult circumstances?

STUDY TOGETHER

Share with your group: Why did Paul write the letter to Philippians?

Paul wrote Philippians from prison around AD 60–62 to a church he deeply loved and helped establish. He wanted to thank them for their partnership in the Gospel, encourage unity and faithfulness, and challenge them to live with the humility and attitude of Jesus. Remarkably, Paul writes about joy while facing difficult circumstances, reminding us that true joy is not determined by what happens around us but by our relationship with Christ.

(Optional) **Bible Project Overview Video of Phillipians**:
https://youtu.be/oE9qqW1-BkU?si=RgkoNqS8rKJkcMM-

God Is Still at Work in You

Read Philippians 1:1–11

- What stands out to you about the relationship Paul has with the believers in Philippi?
- What does it mean that God is working for us and will finish what He started?
- How does knowing God is still working in you change the way you approach your faith?
- Why is it important to have both love and Biblical wisdom to follow Jesus well?

God Can Use What We Would Never Choose

Read Philippians 1:12–18

- Why do we assume that difficult circumstances mean something has gone wrong?
- How can God use difficult situations to accomplish something good in our lives?
- How does our perspective change by asking, “How can God use this?” instead of “Why is this happening to me?

Jesus Is Greater Than Life Itself

Read Philippians 1:19–26

- What does Paul mean when he says, "To live is Christ"?
- What priorities change as honoring Jesus became my greatest goal?
- How can knowing our future is secure in Christ make us more courageous?

Live Like the Gospel Is Your Identity

Read Philippians 1:27–30

- What does it look like to live faithfully every day?
- How can we live courageously for Jesus while showing grace and staying united with others?

Living as Followers of Jesus

● What is one step I can take this week to live more fully for Jesus?

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Christ Be Magnified – Cody Carnes

https://youtu.be/jjGMlYywK9M?si=8uOEK92JPEeOS4wt

PRAYER TOGETHER

Pray for:

- A deeper confidence that God is continuing His work in each of us.
- Eyes to recognize opportunities to advance the Gospel, even in difficult circumstances.
- A greater desire to make Jesus the center of our lives.
- Courage to stand firm in our faith and live in a way that reflects the Gospel.