
CHURCH IN COMMON

COMMON CITY

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

Philippians 1:1-2

What?

Without looking in your Bibles, share what you already know about the book of Philippians. Do you know any themes? Any key verses?

Pray for God to give you fresh eyes and ears to hear the joy he has in store for you in this letter. Then read through the entire letter of Philippians. Perhaps one person takes one section or chapter.

What are some significant or repeated themes or words you noticed? What do you have questions about? (Write them down and see if they are answered by the end of this series).

So what?

Paul uses two different terms in the opening verses to describe Christians: "servant" (or slave) and "holy ones".

What might be significant about using the term "servant/slave" when describing himself and Timothy?

Which do you tend to see yourself as: servant, or holy one? If your answer isn't "both!" then why do you have trouble with either of the terms?

While the church is a community of "holy ones", it is not a hall of fame of pure saints. Why might this be both bad news and good news for the mission of the church?

Now what?

What do these opening verses make you want to pray for?

Close by praying these things for one another. Commit to praying for one another for these things until your next meeting.