

4U – PRIORITY

ICEBREAKER

Other than your working hours and sleeping hours what did you spend your time doing this week?

Read Philippians 1:1-11

DISCOVERING

1. *What is the purpose and tone of these opening verses to the church at Philippi?*
2. *Who is the letter specifically addressed to?*
3. *What partnership has the church at Philippi entered into with Paul?*
4. *What 'really matters' according to Paul?*

DIGGING DEEPER

5. *Discuss the significance of God beginning, continuing and completing the "good work"?*

*In Greek the word used for the process in verse 6 is **epiteleo** which means, "to bring to an end", "to perfect".*

6. *How do the people of Philippi share "imprisonment" with Paul (verse 7)? Does this explain why Paul and the Philippians have to defend and confirm the truth of the good news?*
7. *What type of "love" is Paul referring to (verse 9)?*
8. *What meanings can be attributed to the "fruit of your salvation" (vs 11)?*

APPLICATION/RELEVANCE

9. *What do we understand "really matters" in our life?*
10. *God would like to be "with us" irrespective of our circumstances. How does this look in our life right now and how could we live life with God even more?*
11. *What do you feel as you read these verses? Why do you feel that way? What are the underlying beliefs/assumptions that give rise to those feelings? And do those beliefs need to be revisited?*