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Philippians 1:1-11

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Praying for the Conversion of the Church

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1:27

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

Did anyone in your group attend the Friday and Saturday seminar given by Darrell Guder? If so, take time for them to share about what Darrell had to say to us.

What is your understanding of the word missional?
What did Darrell mean when he said Christendom has ended?

READ Philippians 1:11

Darrell charged us to follow the instruction of Philippians 1:27. What does this verse mean to you?

Darrell reminds us that the purpose of the church is to be a witness.
He said disciplined prayer and scripture will guide us.
The goal is to be growing in love.

Would you say these things are the main focus of FPC? If so, in what ways do you experience this? If not, what needs to change so that they can become the focus? What fears or concerns come up for you as you consider the call to change?

In what ways do you feel equipped to be a witness? In what ways do you feel unequipped to be a witness?

Is growing in love the main pursuit of your life? If so, what do you do to pursue this growth? If not, what changes can you make to shift your focus?

As a small group, how do you express love for one another? How does this expression of love carry you out to love those you encounter in your daily journey?

In what ways do you find it difficult to pray to be more loving? What motivates you to pray to be more loving? What is risky about praying this?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Read Philippians 1:1-11 again. Use it as a prayer to pray for the church as Paul prayed for the church in Philippi.

Pray for FPC leaders, staff and session, as we discern how God is leading us in this time and place.