

## Kingdom Men @ Culture Life Church

### Study of Philippians by Pastor Lou Perrone

The purpose of our time in the book of Philippians is to develop the skills to live our lives as Jesus instructed. Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus clearly instructs us that the foundation of Christian life is to be built upon **hearing, believing, and obeying** GOD. The skills you will be developing can be applied every time you read the bible.

The Book of Philippians is a letter. That may seem a little strange, but many books in the New Testament are letters. This book is a letter from Apostle Paul written to the church in Philippi. Paul fills the letter with joy and thanksgiving, which is quite remarkable since he was writing while in prison.

Paul was showing the church that he had found the secret of being content in any situation. He spends much of this letter expressing joy that more people were hearing about Christ and challenges the church in Philippi to be unified servants by Jesus' example.

As you read through this letter to the church at Philippi, know that this letter was also written to you. It is as if Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is writing directly to you from his imprisonment in Rome two thousand years ago.

#### *How It Works*

There are four chapters in the Book of Philippians. In the next four Kingdom Men meetings we will cover one chapter. You will have daily homework for six days. It is best to start the following six days after we meet. However, it should be before we meet again.

**The most basic way to learn to hear the voice of GOD is through the written words of Scripture.** As you read through Philippians, be sure to rely on the Holy Spirit who inspired scripture. Each day is set up into three portions: **Pray, Read/Listen/Write, and Reflect.**

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

#### **READ/LISTEN/WRITE:**

1. Find a time and place where you can read without being interrupted or distracted.
2. Be ready to hear from GOD as you read through the day's selection.
3. Write down what you hear. Read with anticipation that you will hear from GOD.

**REFLECT:** Look back and meditate on what GOD has revealed to you. Then do it. Of course, with HIS help.

Remember, GOD loves you and loves talking with you. Enjoy this time with HIM and you will find that after a few weeks, you can't go without it.

## SESSION #1

### DAY 1:

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE:** Take time to read all Philippians chapter one and write down the things you see and hear.

**REFLECT:** Use the questions below to help you capture the things you are hearing.

1. Write down at least three things that you heard as you read through chapter one.
2. What is GOD revealing to you about your life in this chapter?
3. Which parts of chapter one are you looking forward to praying through for better clarity?

### DAYS 2-5:

**PRAY** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE:** As you read, write down the things you are hearing.

Day 2 – Philippians 1:1-11

Day 3 – Philippians 1:12-18

Day 4 – Philippians 1:19-26

Day 5 – Philippians 1.27-30

**REFLECT:** Use the questions to help you capture the things you read and hear from GOD each day.

1. Take some time to write your observations about this passage.
2. Do you have any questions or do not understand something? Write that down and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the answer to you.
3. What did you **hear** GOD tell you to **believe** and **obey**?
4. What part of today's reading would you like to discuss with a pastor?

### Day 6

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE/REFLECT:** Finish this week's reading by going back over this chapter again. Note the things you have written down before and after each day.

1. How has GOD been clarifying the things you heard earlier in the week?
2. What sorts of things is GOD coming back to again and again? Do you notice a pattern?
3. In one sentence write out what you believe GOD is telling you to **believe** and **obey**.

## SESSION #2

### **DAY 1:**

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE:** Take time to read all Philippians chapter two and write down the things you see and hear.

**REFLECT:** Use the questions below to help you capture the things you are hearing.

1. Write down at least three things that you heard as you read through chapter one.
2. What is GOD revealing to you about your life in this chapter?
3. Which parts of chapter two are you looking forward to praying through for better clarity?

### **DAYS 2-5:**

**PRAY** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE:** As you read, write down the things you are hearing.

Day 2 – Philippians 2:1-11

Day 3 – Philippians 2:12-13

Day 4 – Philippians 2:14-18

Day 5 – Philippians 2.19-30

**REFLECT:** Use the questions to help you capture the things you read and hear from GOD each day.

1. Take some time to write your observations about this passage.
2. Do you have any questions or do not understand something? Write that down and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the answer to you.
3. What did you **hear** GOD tell you to **believe** and **obey**?
4. What part of today's reading would you like to discuss with a pastor?

### **Day 6**

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE/REFLECT:** Finish this week's reading by going back over this chapter again. Note the things you have written down before and after each day.

4. How has GOD been clarifying the things you heard earlier in the week?
5. What sorts of things is GOD coming back to again and again? Do you notice a pattern?
6. In one sentence write out what you believe GOD is telling you to **believe** and **obey**.

## **SESSION 3**

### **DAY 1:**

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE:** Take time to read all Philippians chapter three and write down the things you see and hear.

**REFLECT:** Use the questions below to help you capture the things you are hearing.

1. Write down at least three things that you heard as you read through chapter one.
2. What is GOD revealing to you about your life in this chapter?
3. Which parts of chapter two are you looking forward to praying through for better clarity?

### **DAYS 2-5:**

**PRAY** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE:** As you read, write down the things you are hearing.

Day 2 – Philippians 3:1-4

Day 3 – Philippians 3:5-11

Day 4 – Philippians 3:12-16

Day 5 – Philippians 3.17-21

**REFLECT:** Use the questions to help you capture the things you read and hear from GOD each day.

5. Take some time to write your observations about this passage.
6. Do you have any questions or do not understand something? Write that down and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the answer to you.
7. What did you **hear** GOD tell you to **believe** and **obey**?
8. What part of today's reading would you like to discuss with a pastor?

### **Day 6**

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

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## **SESSION #4**

### **DAY 1:**

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE:** Take time to read all Philippians chapter four and write down the things you see and hear.

**REFLECT:** Use the questions below to help you capture the things you are hearing.

1. Write down at least three things that you heard as you read through chapter one.
2. What is GOD revealing to you about your life in this chapter?
3. Which parts of chapter two are you looking forward to praying through for better clarity?

**DAYS 2-5:**

**PRAY** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

**READ/LISTEN/WRITE:** As you read, write down the things you are hearing.

Day 2 – Philippians 4:1-3

Day 3 – Philippians 4:4-9

Day 4 – Philippians 4:10-13

Day 5 – Philippians 4.14-23

**REFLECT:** Use the questions to help you capture the things you read and hear from GOD each day.

1. Take some time to write your observations about this passage.
2. Do you have any questions or do not understand something? Write that down and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the answer to you.
3. What did you **hear** GOD tell you to **believe** and **obey**?
4. What part of today's reading would you like to discuss with a pastor?

**Day 6**

**PRAY:** Ask GOD to show you what HE wants you to know, change, do, or become.

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1. How has GOD been clarifying the things you heard earlier in the week?
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