

Small Group Discussion Guide – Read Philippians 1:9-11

-In what ways have you felt discouraged, disillusioned, or even embarrassed about your own prayer life? Where do you most want to see growth?

-When you look at the top priorities in your personal prayers, how do they compare to Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:9–11? What kinds of things usually dominate our prayers, and how might your prayer life need to be realigned in light of today's sermon?

-What have been some of the most helpful models, practices, or habits that have shaped your prayer life?

-What is Paul's main request in vs. 9? What is this "love" that he is talking about here? What does he mean by a "knowledgeable love" and a "discerning love?"

-What does it mean to "approve of what is excellent" or "not just choose what is good, but choose what is best?" Where do you see this played out in your daily life?

-In what areas of your life do you need more love that is guided by wisdom and insight? How can we pray for one another in this?

-How do you currently seek discernment when making decisions? How might this passage challenge or encourage your approach? How can we pray for each other in this?

-What are some ways we can grow in bearing "the fruit of righteousness" through Jesus Christ in everyday life? How can we pray for one another in this?