

Jesus Strong
Week 3 - Philippians
October 18th 2020

The Challenge... to live...

- ... in Fellowship with each other.
- ... spending time in Scripture each day.
- ... worshipping with your church each week

Part 1 - Philippians (The Background)

- Philippi was an important Roman colony known for its patriotic nationalism
- It was located on a major trade route, which made the city an epicenter of commerce and culture.

Origin of the Church (1st in Europe!)

- Story found in Acts 16:11-40

Paul and the Philippian Christians enjoyed friendship and partnership.

- Paul continued traveling throughout the ancient world to spread the Gospel and start more churches.
- The Philippian church, which appears to be affluent, sent financial gifts over and over to Paul to help support the work of the Gospel.

Over the years, Paul and the Philippian Christians faced hardship.

- The Christians in Philippi were mistreated and persecuted because of Jesus.
- Paul was eventually imprisoned because he wouldn't stop talking about Jesus.

Paul wrote Philippians in prison to send with Epaphroditus for this church that he loved in Philippi.

The goal of every _____ is to become like Jesus.

Part 2 - The Point of the Letter

Becoming like Jesus enables you to...

- ...See _____ for the Gospel to advance
- ...Seek _____ with others
- ..._____ for the Gospel

Reflection Questions:

- *In what ways can you become more like Jesus?*
- *How would becoming more like Jesus impact your life?*