

BECOMING

A Journey Through Philippians

7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ON SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

GOD IS STILL
WORKING ON YOU.
AND HE'S NOT
FINISHED.

WEEK
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I'M UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

FORMATION EMPHASIS:

Formation begins and ends with God's work.



KEY VERSE

Philippians 1:6

"I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."



OUR SERIES QUESTION

What does it look like to become more like Christ in real life?

BEFORE WE BEGIN



Think About It

What is the difference between something being "under construction" and something being "abandoned"?

MEET PHILIPPI

Philippi was a Roman colony in Macedonia where citizenship, status, honor, and loyalty to Rome mattered. The church began through unlikely people (Acts 16:11-40):



LYDIA

A successful businesswoman whose heart God opened to Paul's message.



AN ENSLAVED GIRL

A young woman being exploited economically until Paul delivered her from spiritual bondage.



A ROMAN JAILER

A representative of imperial authority whose household came to faith after an earthquake.

From the beginning, the gospel created a new community where different people became one in Christ.



Philippians 1:1-11

1 PAUL WRITES FROM AN UNFINISHED PLACE Philippians 1:1-2

FILL IT IN:

Spiritual formation begins with our

(1) _____ in Christ,
not our (2) _____.

Think About It

What circumstance are you sometimes tempted to allow to define you?



2 GOD FORMS US IN COMMUNITY Philippians 1:3-5

FILL IT IN:

Spiritual formation happens in

(3) _____,
not merely in (4) _____.

My Formation Community

Name one person God has used significantly in your spiritual development:

How did God use that person?



3 GOD STARTS THE WORK Philippians 1:6a

FILL IT IN:

God is the (5) _____
of our transformation.

Write It Down

What is one change in your life for which only God can receive the credit?



4 GOD CONTINUES THE WORK Philippians 1:6b

FILL IT IN:

My (6) _____
does not mean God has
(7) _____
His project.

Remember

A construction site can look messy precisely because work is happening.

Don't mistake the mess of construction for the absence of the Contractor.



5 GOD WILL FINISH THE WORK Philippians 1:6c

FILL IT IN:

God's goal is not simply to make me (8) _____;
God's goal is to make me more like (9) _____.

Personal Reflection

If becoming like Christ is the goal, what characteristic of Jesus do you most want God to develop in you?

Why?



6 WHAT DOES GOD'S WORK PRODUCE? Philippians 1:9-11

A. GROWING LOVE — v. 9

FILL IT IN:

Transformation produces a

(10) _____

that keeps (11) _____.

Note:

Christian maturity should make us more loving—not merely more knowledgeable.



B. GROWING DISCERNMENT — vv. 9-10

FILL IT IN:

A renewed life develops spiritual

(12) _____

the ability to recognize what

(13) _____.

Remember:

- Immaturity asks, "Can I?"
- Maturity asks, "Should I?"
- Formation asks, "Will this help me become more like Christ?"



C. GROWING CHARACTER — vv. 10-11

FILL IT IN:

If God is working (14) _____
me, eventually there should be
evidence (15) _____
me.

Note:

Fruit makes invisible growth visible.



I MAY BE UNFINISHED, BUT I AM NOT ABANDONED. *God is still working on me.*