



## Community Group Questions Mar 15, 2020

### God Started It, God Will Finish It Philippians 1:6-8

#### Kicking Things Off

What did you miss the most about not gathering together this past Sunday as a whole church for corporate worship?

#### Getting Into It

Read and review Philippians 1:3-5

Review. What does it mean that this partnership is centered around the gospel? Specifically, what were the six ways the Philippians partnered with Paul?

Read 1:6-8

Why is Paul so confident that, "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus"? What does this mean for the believer?

What is God's will in our sanctification? What is He accomplishing? (see Rom. 8:29, 1Pet. 1:14-15, etc.)

What is Paul's confidence anchored in, God or the Philippians themselves? Why is this such an important distinction?

Read Phil. 2:12-13. Our salvation begins and ends with God, it's 100% Him. In a similar way, our sanctification begins and ends with God, it's His work. But we also have real responsibility for our actions and obedience. Discuss that in light of Phil. 1:6 and 2:12-3.

(Optional question that could open up that proverbial "can of worms, but I think these thoughts)

Our confidence needs to be totally in God and not ourselves. So, here's the "elephant in the room". All of us know people who have "walked away from their faith". What do we make of that? Has God failed to accomplish something? Is Paul's confidence misplaced?

What does Jesus tell us in John 10:27-28?

Look at Phil. 1:7 Describe Paul's relationship with the Philippians?

Are you experiencing a depth of relationship like this with your brothers and sisters at The Fields? Why or why not? Does something need to change?

Look at Phil. 1:8. Why does Paul long so earnestly to be with these believers? Do you have the same affections for the body of Christ?

Read 1Thes. 4:17-18 and Heb. 10:23-25. One day we will all be together with our Lord Jesus, never to face separation again! What are we called to do in the mean time?

#### The Parting Shot

What are some practical steps we can all take to stay better connected during this coronavirus situation?

Spend time praying for the needs mentioned above in "The Upper Room" section of the notes.