



## Philippians | Context is Everything

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### Reflect + Discuss

- What's a favorite movie, book, or show that you like to quote? What's a movie that you consider a "classic"?
- At Blackhawk we often say, 'the Bible was not written to us, but for us.' What does this mean? Why is it important to know the context of a verse or passage?
- Read Philippians 1:1-11. What is Paul's relationship like with the Philippians? What does he want for them?
- We are created to long for deep connection with God and others. Has there been a time or season in your life that you felt deeply connected to community? What was that like? What are some of the benefits of having deep relationships?
- Thinking about the season of life you are in right now, is there anything that makes you hesitant to go deeper with God and others? If so, what is holding you back?
- What steps can you take to go deeper with a friend, or even this group, as we journey together through Philippians this fall? (Some ideas: *Sharing prayer requests regularly, reaching out to one another individually, touching base throughout the week, connecting outside of group gatherings, sharing a meal together, etc.*).

### Pray

- Pray that God will help us to deepen our relationships with one another and with Jesus. Pray that he will draw us into deeper community as we seek to be transformed through studying the book of Philippians.

### Next Steps

- There is power in reading the entire letter at once. Consider reading through the book of Philippians in full this week as we get ready to dive into the contents of letter over the next nine weeks. Consider taking on this challenge as a group.
- Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out our [courses](#) for the fall.