

## Praying Paul's Prayers - Discussion Questions Philippians 1:3-11

*In the video we focused on how Paul gave thanks for the Philippians in verses 3-6. These questions focus on Paul's prayer for the Philippians in v9-11. Paul was confident that God would complete the good work he had begun in the Philippians (v6). This theme of confidence continues in his prayer for them. He prays for their progress to continue as they look forward to the final day when God's work in them will be complete.*

### Read Philippians 1:3-11

1. Paul prayed for their love to abound more and more. Look at v7-8, how was Paul an example of abundant love?
  
2. What do we need for this sort of love to abound in us? (v9)
  
3. A vine needs trellis to help it grow. In the same way our love needs knowledge and depth of insight if it is to abound.
  - What sort of knowledge and depth of insight does Paul have in mind?
  
  - How can we grow in such knowledge? How will it help our love to abound?
  
4. Abundant love is not an end in itself. What is the visible fruit of such love? (v10)
  - Why do you think this prayer is particularly relevant at the moment?
  
5. The goal of this prayer is God's glory (v11.)
  - How might we pursue love, knowledge, discernment and purity for our own glory instead of God's glory?
  
  - What will it mean to these qualities for God's glory?