



A Series from the Book of Philipians



### **Missional Community Group Guide**

Week of January 22, 2012

Abbot	
Wallace	
Hatfield	
Hansel	
Lady	
The Fox	
Newfoundland	
Pinky	
Lewis	
Lois	
Rodgers	
Siegfried	
Siskel	
Butch Cassidy	
Antigua	
Mork	
Thelma	
Chip	
Jason	
David	
Castor	
Jacob	
Watson	
Martin	
Wilbur	

## Partnership in the Gospel: Part One

### Icebreaker: Famous Partners

*Split the group into teams or pairs as you see fit and give each team five minutes to fill in as many of the answers as they can. The solutions are in white font.*

### Icebreaker Follow Up Questions

1. What makes a partnership (or a team as well) great?
2. Whether in the church, business, sports, school or relationships, how are you a partner?

### Bible Study

*Background to the Church at Philippi*

1. Read about the origin of the church at Philippi in Acts 16:6-40. You can trace Paul's journey on the map below.
2. How did the church begin? Who were the first partners? How were they saved?
3. Notice Paul demands to be publicly escorted out of prison. Why? Think about how the public would view him and the new church if he had left secretly.



### *The Partnership*

1. Read Philippians 1:1-11.
2. How is the church at Philippi a partner in the gospel with Paul?
  - a. See 1:5, 1:7, 9-11
  - b. Also 4:14-20
  - c. Point out that there was a stigma with being imprisoned (as seen in the Acts story) that made it costly for the church to partner with Paul.
3. How does God also partner with us? Would our partnership with each other and the gospel be possible without him?
  - a. 1:6
  - b. Look at the fruit of righteousness in verse 10
4. Read Luke 5:1-11
  - a. Is there a human partnership and divine partnership evident in this text? In other words, do we depend on God and each other?

### *Application and Prayer*

Remind the group that we have a mission. You may want to watch this video as a group.

<http://www.vergenetwork.org/2011/09/13/francis-chan-how-to-have-real-community-video/>

And then pray. Pray for partnership in the community group, that we would depend on each other but ultimately on God. Without him, we are nothing. With him, we can together become fishers of men.