

1. What do v3-8 reveal about healthy Christian relationships?
2. As Paul remembers his friends at Philippi in prayer - what were the two reasons that he was filled with such joy? v5&6
3. The believers at Philippi were committed Christians - they were actively involved in the work - they were partners in the gospel. What does this say about the relationship between pastor and congregation?
4. This same word translated 'partnership' can also be translated 'fellowship'. What ways can and should our relationship with each other be a partnership in the gospel?
5. How can our present friendships be strengthened to become more like this?
6. In v7&8 it is clear that Paul had a great love for these people. Given that there were one or two who were having some problems (4v2) in the church at Philippi - why

did Paul have such a love for them? What drove his affection?

How does this truth help us display love to other Christians?

7. In v9-11 can you identify the four things that Paul was praying for his friends?

How are these qualities vital for Christian maturity?

8. What ruts do we get stuck in when we are praying/not praying for others?

9. What sort of things do we usually pray for?

10. What does Paul's prayer teach us about praying for others? What changes do you need to make to your prayer life?