GOD BEGAN A GOOD WORK AND WILL FINISH IT

*(How can we have confidence in gospel ministry?*

*How can we advance the gospel?)*

Philippians 1:1-14

Key Verse: 1:6

1. How does Paul identify the senders and receivers of this letter (1)? What was his greeting (2)? How was Paul encouraged by the Philippians (3-5)? Why is it so important to have fellowship in the gospel?

2. Read verse 6. What inspired Paul to thank God and pray with joy (2 Ti 2:13)? *Discussion: How can we have confidence in gospel ministry in the midst of hardship?*

3. How did Paul feel (think) about the Philippians (7-8)? On what basis did he feel (think) this way? What do we learn here about how to share in God’s grace?

4. How did Paul pray for the Philippians to grow in their love (9)? What would spiritual discernment enable them to do, and what is the result (10)? How can we bear the fruit of righteousness (11)? Why do we need this in our Christian life?

5. What did Paul want them to know (12)? How did God use Paul’s imprisonment to advance the gospel (13-14)? What does the word “advance” imply? How could Paul advance the gospel in that desperate situation?