

Discovery Bible Study

Philippians Series

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## **Dedication**

This book is dedicated to my husband, of 23 years, Steve. He has been like Jesus Christ to me. Without his love, forgiveness, and support, I wouldn't be where I am today. I love you, Steve.

## Introduction

Welcome to ThinkOnIt Bible Ministries' Discovery Bible Study – Philippians Series. As we look at the Book of Philippians, we'll use Inductive Study Method. Below you will find an outline of Inductive Study Method. First part is to OBSERVE what we read. Second part is INTERPRET what we read. Third part is all about APPLICATION and discovering how we might live differently.


<b>RED – STOP – OBSERVE WHAT IT SAYS</b>
Just like at a red traffic light, we stop. God wants us to stop and look at the facts of His Word. What do we see? What's going on? Are there any comparisons? Are there any contrasts? Are there any lists? Are there any repeated words or phrases?
<b>YELLOW – SLOW DOWN – LOOK AT MEANING</b>
When we approach a yellow traffic light, we slow down. We need to slow down when reading God's Word too. Take time to think about the meaning of the words we just read. What does it mean? What did the author intend to convey? Are there any words you aren't familiar with? If so, look them up in a dictionary.
<b>GREEN – GO – DO WHAT WE LEARN</b>
Approaching a green traffic light, we go. It's the same with God's Word. We need to apply what we learned. Go and do the truth we discovered. Think about how should we live our life differently? What is God's Word telling us to do or not do? What timeless principle can we glean from this passage?

Refer to the Discovery Questions section on page 8 for a list of questions to help you study God's Word.

It's always suggested to take notes as you study. Sometimes the act of writing helps us to grasp the truth we are studying. Therefore, we offer a couple Bible marking techniques. Interaction with God's Word helps point out things we might otherwise gloss over.

## Bible Marking Suggestion

### Philippians 1: 1-11 NIV

<sup>1</sup>Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, 

To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

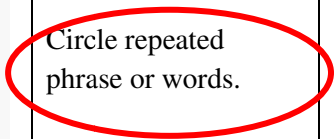
<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.


<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup>God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Underline the facts

 Circle repeated phrase or words.

 Draw a triangle next to any reference to God, Jesus or Holy Spirit.

## Discovery Questions

<b>Observation</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>Application</b>
Who is writing to whom?	What do we learn from the people in this passage?	How can I apply the timeless principle in my life today?
When and where does this occur?	Is there any error we should avoid?	Does my attitude need to change?
What is the purpose of this writing?	Is there a truth we should know?	Is there a sin I need to confess?
What is going on in this passage?	Is there an example we should follow?	What prayer can I pray?
What facts do you see?	Is there a promise to remember?	What truth do I need to start living by?
Are there any repeated words or phrase?	What do we learn about God, Holy Spirit, or Jesus Christ?	Which verse will I memorize?
Are there any contracts or comparisons in this passage?	What timeless principle do you see?	Who will I share this truth with?
Are there any lists?		What can I thank God for?

## Recommended Resources

Kay Arthur is a renowned inductive style Bible teacher. Her book *“How to Study the Bible”* is a great resource to understand more about inductive style study method. Buy your copy by clicking on the book cover at: <http://www.ThinkOnItBible/Devotions.com/Studies.aspx>

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## **Instructions**

Things to print:

- Discovery Questions on page 8
- God's Word Outline starting on page 10

1. Select about 10 to 15 verses to start with. Pick a section with one complete thought.
2. Start with prayer.

*Father, open my eyes to your truth today.*

*Lead me in what I need to learn.*

*In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

3. Read the entire chapter for context.
4. Read aloud the 10-15 verses only.
5. Ask the Observe Discovery Questions. Write down your answers.
6. Ask the Interpret Discovery Questions. Write down your answers.
7. Ask the Application Discovery Questions. Write down your answers.
8. End with prayer.

*Father thank you,*

*for your word and your guidance.*

*In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

## God's Word

### Philippians 3

#### All for Christ

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe.

<sup>2</sup> Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: <sup>5</sup> circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, <sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

#### Pressing Toward the Goal

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<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. <sup>16</sup> Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, <sup>[b]</sup> let us be of the same mind.

#### **Our Citizenship in Heaven**

<sup>17</sup> Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. <sup>18</sup> For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: <sup>19</sup> whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.