

A WORK IN PROGRESS

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS — JULY 24, 2022

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:6 ESV

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

SERMON RECAP

You are a work in progress

- God was working in your life, even before you were aware of it.
- God is working in your life, even when you can't see it.
- God will finish His work in your life, even though you don't deserve it.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

Have you ever started a project that you weren't able to complete? What happened?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does the passage say?

1. In multiple English Bible translations, read Philippians 1:6 aloud as a group. Take some time to let group members share observations about the passage. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you have read quite yet. Simply share what you all observe from the text.
2. How would you explain or summarize today's passage in your own words?

What does the passage mean?

1. In today's passage, Paul begins by saying, "I am sure of this." What gives Paul such confidence? See Rom 8:28-39, Eph 1:14.
2. Paul, referring to the process of sanctification in the life of a believer, tells the believers in Philippi that God will finish a good work He began in their lives. Describe this good work that God completes in the lives of those who are in Christ. See John 14:3, Gal 2:20, 1 Thes 5:10, John 6:28-29.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. God was working in your life, even before you were aware of it.

Recall the story of Paul's Macedonian call from Acts 16:6-10. Has the LORD ever redirected your plans/steps, and profoundly blessed (you and/or others) in the process? What was the nature of His blessings? In the process, what did He reveal to you about Himself? How has this revelation impacted your relationship with Him? Share your story with your Church Group.

2. God is working in your life, even when you can't see it.

Pastor Mike and his wife Ashley vulnerably shared their story of God's faithfulness in a personal season of struggle in their life. How were you encouraged by their story? What pain, questions, confusion, doubts, and/or discouragements do you personally need to confess and cry out to the LORD? What steps of trust in Him might you take this week to cooperate with Him as He works in you through those struggles?

3. God will finish His work in your life, even though you don't deserve it.

Read Philippians 3:20-21 and 1 John 3:2. Imagine the moment of glorification, when you stand in the LORD's presence, fully see Him as He is, and every desire and longing you've ever had is perfectly fulfilled in Him. What do you imagine that moment (and all eternity thereafter) will be like? How might this hope sustain and encourage you in the present?

LEADER NOTES

1. As a reminder, due to annual Church Group rhythms, there will be no Sermon Discussion Guide provided in the month of August. The Sermon Discussion Guides will restart in September 2022.
2. A message from Local Outreach to all Church Groups:

So that we can give backpacks and school supplies to children throughout the area, we will collect the following back-to-school items that will be collected in bins located in the MBC Tysons lobby from 7/18 through 8/5:

- Backpacks (all sizes)
- Single-subject notebooks
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Pocket folders
- Packs of Pencils and ballpoint pens
- Rulers
- Individual highlighters
- Small packs of crayons
- Safety scissors
- Glue sticks

Any questions? Contact Lauren at lauren.deluca@mcleanbible.org. Thanks so much for your generosity!

3. A message from Global Outreach to all Church Groups:
 - **OCTOBER SHORT-TERM TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA:** We invite current MBC members who are young adults on this opportunity to interact with other young adults and local families in this majority unreached location, as the group shares in cultural and artistic experiences throughout the week. Join in weekly English clubs, meet and greet locals at a cafe, join a weekly college Bible study, and share the gospel naturally as opportunities arise! For dates and more info, click [HERE](#). Applications close soon!
 - **MEDICAL MISSIONS:** If you are a medical professional and would like to be contacted by Global Outreach when short-term medical missions opportunities arise, please fill out [this form](#), or go to mbcgo.net/gomedical.
 - **WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:** Please continue to lead your Church Groups to pray for the [Global Outreach Weekly Prayer Focus](#).