# MINING THE MESSAGE

TITLE: Joy...In Active Discipleship

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:3-11

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#### **BIG IDEA:**

Joy will flow out of a discipleship that is active.

### **OUTLINE:**

- 1. Actively Grateful (3-4)
- 2. Actively Missional (5-6)
- 3. Actively Resolute (7-8)
- 4. Actively Fruitful (9-11)

## WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

- 1 What does "partnership in Gospel" mean? What mission do we carry into every context of life? What area of your life do you need to have this missional focus?
- 2 What makes joy an attitude instead of a feeling? How can we make the choice to be joyful? What can we do to cultivate joy in our life?

## HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?

- 1 What do your trials show about your endurance in Christ? Do you respond with bitterness and complaining? Or joy? How does your perspective need to change?
- 2 What characteristics of your life reflect Christ's character? What characteristics do not reflect Christ? What are you doing to actively become like Christ in that area?

## LIVE IT OUT

Put yourselves in the shoes of Paul when he was writing this letter. Determine 5 ways that you can see Paul have joy in miserable circumstances. Employ those ways practically into your hard circumstances this week.

## **READ AHEAD**

Read Philippians 1:12-18. What are the 2 attitudes that people share the Gospel? What is Paul's response to the spreading of the Gospel?

