

# FINISHED

God Will Finish What He Started

## Philippians 1:1-6

### TITLE 1: God Will Finish What He Started... in Me

- Philippians 1:6
- **Reality Statement:** Paul has an infectious confidence in God's faithfulness—and so should we.
- Psalm 138:8
- Hebrews 12:2
- good(adj), tov:
  - satisfactory in quality, quantity, or degree (dictionary.com)
  - well, fine, excellent
- Jeremiah 29:11
- Genesis 50:20
- **Romans 8:28-33**

#### **Justification: Saved from sin's penalty**

- God declaring a sinner righteous / justified through faith in Jesus, based on Christ's finished work—not our own. (Romans 5:1, 2 Corinthians 5:21)

#### **Sanctification: Saved from sin's power**

- The ongoing process by which God makes believers more like Jesus in heart, character, and actions. (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 2 Corinthians 3:18)

#### **Glorification: Saved from sin's presence**

- The final transformation where believers are made perfectly like Christ, free from sin, in His presence forever. (Romans 8:30, 1 John 3:2)

**Justification** — Declared right with God

**Sanctification** — Becoming like Jesus

**Glorification** — Made complete forever

### TITLE 2: God Will Finish What He Started... in Us

- Philippians 1:6
- Philippians 2:12-13
- Ephesians 4:12-13
- 1 Corinthians 1:7-9

**Sermon in a Sentence:** God is a good God with a good plan - He is doing a good work in us, and He will complete it when we meet Him in eternity.

# Charge Groups

## WHY WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

💡 Remind the group of why we gather (To experience the presence of God & the building-up of one -another)

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. - Galatians 6:2*

## ENCOURAGE THE GROUP

💡 Spend some time encouraging the group. Use this icebreaker question to laugh, enjoy one-another and look for opportunities to encourage. You can also begin by simply sharing one-high and/or one-low of the week.

**Icebreaker ?** *If you could instantly finish one project you've started (home, work, hobby, or personal), what would it be, and why haven't you finished it yet?*

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## PRAYER & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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💡 **Facilitator:** Open the discussion time by sharing the purpose of Sunday's message OR share your most memorable part of the message. Spend time reading the scriptures on page 1 & discussing.

1. Paul has strong confidence that God will finish what He started. Where do you personally struggle to trust that God is still working in your life?
2. The sermon talked about justification, sanctification, and glorification. Which of these do you feel like you're most aware of right now in your life, and why?
3. We often define "good" differently than God does. Can you think of a situation where something didn't feel good at the time, but God used it for good later?
4. Sanctification is the ongoing process of becoming more like Jesus. Where have you seen real growth in your life recently? Where do you still feel "unfinished"?
5. God isn't just working in individuals, He's forming a people. How can this group better "bear one another's burdens" in a practical way this week?

## NEXT STEPS

💡 Encourage each other to take next steps based on the discussion. If something specific comes up, support one another in moving forward. Before ending, spend time praying for one another, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance. You may feel led to pray for a specific person or situation. If there's a practical next step, like baptism or joining the family, encourage each other to follow through.