



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**Sermon Based Questions**

Date- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Series- Alongsiders Part 4

**People who Partner**

*3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”*

***Phil 1:3-5***

**1. We are people who partner in the Gospel. Phil 1:3-8**

- Partnership in the gospel.
- Partnership involves prayer.
- Share in God's grace.
- Partnership breeds love.

**2. We are a people who partner in love. John 13:34-35**

- Partnership must be characterized by love.
- Love is costly and hard.
- We are known as disciples by our love.

**3. We are people who partner in the great commission.**

Matt 28:18-20

- An encouragement & a command.
- Jesus is Lord, & he has all authority in heaven.
- Our partnership is with others & with God.

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Philippians 1:3-8. How do the Philippians make Paul feel? Why is he grateful for them? What do you think the phrase- “partnership in the gospel,” means practically?
2. Read John 13:34-35. How does John say that the disciples are to love one another? How important is love to Christian discipleship?
3. Read Matthew 28:18-20. On what basis does Jesus command the disciples? What is their central mandate and calling as disciples?

### **B. Meditation & application**

4. What do you find challenging and encouraging in these three passages?
5. What has been your experience of partnership in the gospel and great the commission?
6. What do patience, forgiveness, thanksgiving, and love help in our partnerships and make them more effective in mission?
7. Reflecting on the full Alongsiders series, what are your next steps in missional engagement and partnership? In your local community around the world?

**Prayer:** Grant us the grace to partner with each other in discipleship and mission. To work with others to declare and live out the gospel. He us resist being molded by the world and refuse complacency. To see the world differently than the world sees itself- as a sphere of mission. In Jesus Name Amen.