

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:30

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study 1: Philippians 1:27-30

READ PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30

1. What does it mean to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel?
2. How does this command make you feel? Why?
3. Conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel would result in us standing firm in *ONE* spirit, and striving together as *ONE* for the faith of the gospel (1:27). It's a picture of people being united in mind and effort for the cause of Christ and his gospel.

What **could** that look like: **(BE SPECIFIC!!!)**

a) for us as a church?

b) for us as a growth group?

study 2: Philippians 2:1-11

*Last week Paul called on us to strive together as one for the gospel.
This week he gives us some attitudes to help us live this out.*

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

1. How would the attitudes of 2:2-4 *help* us strive together as one for the gospel? [Give **specific** examples of where this can play out in our life as a church]
2. How would the opposite of these attitudes in 2:2-4 *hinder* us striving together as one for the gospel? [Give **specific** examples of how this could happen in our church]

3. From 2:5-8, what words would you use to describe Jesus' attitude / mindset?
4. What moves you to want to be more like Christ in looking to the interests of others?
5. How does 2:9-11 help us in our motivation for:
 - a) being like-minded in striving for Christ and his gospel?
 - b) being like Christ in humility?

Prayer ideas...

Study prayer point

Pray for one another to be convicted by Christ and his triumphant death and resurrection so as to be like him in giving our lives to serve others together.

Mission prayer point

Pray in praise for Oscar and Elizabeth Urey (Bolivia) that many churches are now using their Siembra resources to teach children the gospel. Pray that even more churches would get on board.

study 3: Philippians 2:12-30

The last couple of weeks Paul has called on us to be like Christ in being of one mind for his cause and in serving the interests of others. This week he gives us some ways of going about this as well as the examples of 2 guys who put this into practice.

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

In verses 12-13 Paul calls on us to work out our salvation, to live it out. In other words, to put into practice what he's just been talking about: together being united in mind for the cause of Christ as we humbly serve one another.

1. Given this, why would grumbling / arguing / complaining among God's people be so terrible?
2. What might we be tempted to grumble, argue and complain about in church? (Be specific!)
3. What might we do instead? (Be specific!)

4. In verses 15-18, instead of being a church divided in arguments and complaints, what does Paul want for us instead? Do you find this goal motivating?

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5. In what ways were Timothy and Epaphroditus great examples of those giving themselves for the cause of Christ in the service of others?
6. What's one specific way in the next week / month you will give yourself to striving for the cause of Christ with the rest of church?

Prayer ideas...

Study prayer point

Pray for one another to speak only what is helpful for building others up as we seek to hold firmly to Christ together.

Mission prayer point

Please pray for Andrew Sennett (AFES Bathurst), that he would continue to preach the gospel on campus and that many students would be saved and grow in their knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

