

Life Group Questions – Philippians 2:19-30 – What Would You Risk for the Saints?

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Big idea...Paul holds out two brothers in Christ – Timothy and Epaphroditus – as examples for us to imitate. They have the “mind of Christ” because they sacrifice for the saints. Let’s look to them, learn from them, and also look for such saints in our midst today.

Connecting

When you were growing up, who was someone you looked up to? (Sports, faith, family, skills - anyone for any reason)



Observation

Have someone give a summary of the situation behind this letter. Where is Paul, who is with him, and who is he writing to? Also, who are Timothy and Epaphroditus?

Have someone read Philippians 2:19-30. Why do you think God wants us to look to other Christians and learn from them? What are the benefits of having spiritual role models, and what are the possible dangers?

Remembering back to Philippians 2:1-11, what does it mean to have the “mind of Christ”?

Understanding

Look at verses 19 and 23-24. What do these verses teach us about how Paul thought about his plans for the future? What can we learn from his example?

Look at verses 19-24. How does Timothy show us the mind of Christ? What should we learn from him?

What does the relationship between Paul and Timothy teach us about disciple-making?

Look at verses 25-30. How does Epaphroditus show us the mind of Christ? What should we learn from him?

Living

Practically, how can we – like Timothy – demonstrate a genuine love for our brothers and sisters in Christ (our church)?

What are some ways that we could – like Paul – raise up other gospel-laborers?

What is the role of “risk” in the Christian life? Practically, how can we – like Epaphroditus – engage in risky service for our brothers and sisters in Christ (our church)?

What are some ways that we could honor Christians like Timothy and Epaphroditus?

Looking Ahead: Read Philippians 3:1-11.

Prayer Together

Pray that we might 1) imitate saints like Timothy and Epaphroditus and 2) that the Lord would raise up brothers and sisters like this in our midst whom we can look to, learn from, and ultimately see Jesus through them.