

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

2-11-07 - "The Philippi Church of Christ – More Light"

OPEN: Read Philippians 2:13. Who can you “see” the light of God really working in and through?

- In your church? In your family? At your workplace? In your Neighborhood?

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Read Phil 2:12-18. Discuss the following question: “What kind of people does Paul want the disciples in Philippi (and us) to be?”

- What stands out to you in this text? Why?
- What questions surface in you when you read this? Discuss those.

Read Phil 2:19-24. Discuss Timothy in terms of this question: “What ‘light’ is Paul exalting in Timothy as an example of what he’s wanting the Philippians (and us) to be like?”

- How does the problem identified in verse 21 play itself out within a church?
- How did Timothy “prove himself” according to vs. 22?

Read Phil 2:25-30. Discuss Epaphroditus in terms of the same question: “What ‘light’ is Paul pointing out in Epaphroditus as an example of what he’s wanting the Philippians (and us) to be like?”

- In how many ways did Paul describe the relationship between himself and Epaphroditus?

DISCUSS

- Timothy and Epaphroditus were blessed to have Paul as a mentor and model in the ways of Christ. Who in your life has been a model and mentor (outside of your parents)? In what ways?
- Paul described Timothy’s relationship with him as being like “a son with his father”. Who in your life are you spiritually mentoring in a life of faith in Christ? (*NOTE: Not everyone is in the season of life where they are equipped/ready for such initiating relationships, which is fine, but if we don’t ever talk about it and aspire to it, we will not ever plan on being in one.*)
 - What do you think about this statement: “True spiritual, relational mentoring in how to live like Christ has been all but lost as a strategy for discipleship”?
- Paul described Epaphroditus as a “brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier”. Who in your life are you in true spiritual partnership with, co-operating as workers for the advancement of Christ’s mission in the world?
- Finally, are you “*shining like a star in the universe as you hold out the world of life*”? In other words, are you being evangelistic? What is your next step in this regard?

PRAY: Ask God to 1) give each group member more “light-relationships” with people within the church, and 2) make your group members into “more light” in the world.