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HOME GROUP GUIDE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

LISTEN

Listen to the sermon and read through the main passages(s)



REFLECT

Prayerfully answer the questions below



DISCUSS

Meet with your group to discuss



RESPOND

Apply the truth of God's word to your life

BACKGROUND:

Paul encourages the Philippians to live lives that reflect the gospel of Jesus. The gospel is more than just a message that Christians proclaim; it is a way of life. Because Christ has shown his love to us, sacrificed his life for us, and delivered us from sin, our behavior ought to mirror the beauty and transformative power of his saving work.

A gospel-shaped life is lived alongside other believers. Paul urges the church to stand firm in one Spirit, strive together for the faith of the gospel, and remain courageous in the face of opposition. Both faith in Christ and suffering for Christ are granted by God. As believers endure hardship together, they can remain confident in their salvation and grow in their fellowship with Christ.

OPEN:

1. Can you recall a time when you were part of a team or group that worked really well together?

REFLECT:

2. Read Philippians 1:27-30. What specific guidance does Paul give the Philippians? What does he say will result if they follow these instructions?

3. What does it mean to live “in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ”? Why is it so important to Paul?

4. According to this passage, how does unity help in sharing the gospel? When have you personally seen unity or disunity impact its spread?

APPLY:

5. When have other believers supported you during difficult times? How did their presence impact you?

6. In what ways can suffering deepen our dependence on Christ? How have you experienced this in your own life?

7. When have you seen the church function as a unified body? What are some practical ways we can foster that kind of unity in our church?

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