

No Lone Rangers

Philippians 2:19-30

Taking it Home:

1. In what area of your life do you need to put the interests of Christ and others above your own throughout this next week? What practical steps are you going to take to be more of a servant?
2. Think of someone who is sacrificially serving the Lord and others. How can you recognize and honor them this week?
3. Many specific areas of service were mentioned during the sermon. If you are not already serving in the church, which area of service might God be calling you to step in and sacrificially serve?

Prayer Concerns:

Timothy

Epaphroditus

You

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What are some things that you enjoy doing alone?
2. What things in your life do you need others alongside you to enjoy?

Read Philippians 2:19-30

Digging Deeper:

1. In Philippians 2:20-22, Paul spoke highly of Timothy as a servant of Christ and others. Think of someone you know who serves like Timothy. How would you describe that person?
2. Read Mark 20:28 and John 13:34. These verses highlight Jesus' life and call to servanthood. Knowing Jesus' call to serve Him and others above ourselves, why is it so easy to put our own interests first? Where in your life do you put your own interests about those of Christ and others?
3. In 2 Timothy 1:5 and 3:10 we see that Timothy learned to be a servant from his mother and grandmother and by following Paul's example, as well. Who in your life has had the greatest impact on your faith and how you live it out?
4. In 2 Timothy 1:4, Paul writes to Timothy, "I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy." What do you think it was about Timothy that brought Paul so much joy?
5. Epaphroditus was a Philippian layman who was called to serve the Lord with a small but important task. In Philippians 2:25, Paul calls Epaphroditus, "...my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need." Why was it so important for Paul to use terms that elevated Epaphroditus and his service to the Lord? (Look at 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 for Paul's thoughts on our roles in the body of Christ.)
6. Read Philippians 2:29. Why was it so important for Paul to make sure the Philippians properly welcomed Epaphroditus home when he arrived? Why is it so easy for us to recognize and honor those with prominent roles (preachers, missionaries, etc.) while overlooking those sacrificially serving behind the scenes?
7. Think of someone, or a group, you are or have served alongside in the past. How does it bring you joy when serving alongside brothers and sisters in the Lord?