



Sermon Discussion Guide

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Philippians 1:27-30

Summary

Big Idea: Let All Roads Lead to Christ

As Christians, we cannot live for momentary spiritual highs, nor should we only remember at difficult times. Spiritual leaders will come and go, people are divisive, trouble will occur, and there will be suffering in this world, but even in and through all of it, Paul wants his readers to know that the Gospel of Christ is still true. There is still hope and that hope doesn't waiver when we do. God is still transforming his people and saving sinners through the finished work of his Son, and Christians have been equipped ("granted" v.29) the sure, steady, and eternal hope of the Gospel. So, the command to live a "life... worthy of the Gospel of Christ," is to let our lives be an offering for God to shape for eternity and to use as he sees fit in this world for his glory and for our salvation.

Discussion Questions

1. How does identity shape behavior - think of different roles you have and how certain behaviors come embedded with those roles (employee, boss, husband/wife, father/mother, coach, teacher, sales rep, lawyer, US citizen, etc...

Read Philippians 1:27-30

2. The beginning of verse 27 could be translated, "Only live worthily as *citizens* of the gospel of Christ.." Is Paul commanding his readers to live in such a way to earn their citizenship, or to prove it? What is the difference? How can we fall into mindset of *earning*?
3. Paul lists out several ingredients or behavioral traits that accompany or align with our new identity as kingdom citizens. Look through the verses and list them out.
 - a. I can see: standing firm together, striving side by side, not frightened, being a sign together, believing together, suffering together
4. Think through each of those character traits and discuss
 - a. In general, what does this mean or look like?
 - b. Discuss - How do you / how can you grow in your contribution to your group and the church by...
 - i. Standing firm together
 - ii. Striving side by side together in truth
 - iii. Not frightened by external threats together
 - iv. Being a sign together
 - v. Believing together
 - vi. Suffering together
5. How does working together in these ways show the worth of Jesus?
6. You'll notice that each of these are done together. When difficulties of life come are you more prone to retreat and isolate or pursue community and unity more fervently? Why?



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