Sermon Discussion Guide

October 25, 2026
Philippians 2:19-30

Summary

Big Idea: Joyfully Welcome and Honor Those Sent in the Lord
Paul wraps up chapter 2 by giving two examples of people who have the mind of Christ, Timothy and Epaphroditus. The command comes at the end (v29) for the church to receive and honor these two that Paul is sending to them, or really, that the Lord is sending through Paul. What stands out as notable is the specific ways in which Paul commends these two, answering the question – what kind of people does the Lord love to send? Other questions swirl around these verses as we read them. Where has God sent me, to minister to who? Who has God sent to minister to me that I ought to receive and honor? Who is God calling us as a church, a life group, a family, to send out for the multiplication of disciples?

Discussion Questions

Read Philippians 2:19-30

1. What is Paul's main point in these verses? How do you know?
2. How does these verses relate to what he said earlier in this chapter in 2:3-4?
3. From these verses, what kind of people does Paul commend and send? What attributes and characteristics do you see?

RECEIVE

4. What does it mean for you to "receive" and "honor" those the Lord has and is sending to minister the gospel to you?
    a. Is this limited to who we would consider to be a "leader," or is it applicable to anyone and everyone who takes a selfless interest in laboring for your progress in the faith?
    b. Who (name them) in our church, your group, your life, has served you, perhaps quietly and costly? What could it look like practically to receive and honor them?

SEND

5. Where and to who has God already sent you? (Think about all the people in your varying spheres of life.)
    a. How, practically and tangibly, can you live sent this week by ministering well to them? (a hospital visit, a coffee, a ride, a meal, a note, meeting a need, a call, other?)
    b. How will the gospel message be present in those?
    c. Where is one place you can put the interests of others ahead of your own this week?