

Fellowship Group Homework & Discussion

Getting Started

1. Consider a time when a person went out of their way to love you or care for you. What things did that person do for you? What character traits did that person exhibit?
2. What impacted you the most from last Sunday's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Read Philippians 2:12-13. Through the power of God, we are to work the implications of our salvation into every area of our life.
 - ◇ Read Philippians 2:19-24. List the things that Timothy had done or that Paul anticipated Timothy would do to work the implications of his salvation out into every area of his life.
 - ◇ Read Philippians 2:25-30. List the things that Epaphroditus had done to work the implications of his salvation out into every area of his life.
4. What character traits would you use to describe Timothy?

5. In your conduct with other believers, how would you be similar to Timothy? How would you be dissimilar to Timothy?
6. What character traits would you use to describe Epaphroditus?
7. In your conduct with other believers, how would you be similar to Epaphroditus? How would you be dissimilar to Epaphroditus?
8. Evaluate your relationships in the following five areas, created by Gary Inrig. Out of these areas, which one do you do best in and which one needs more work?
 - A. What are the limits of my friendship? Do I use people, or do I lay down my life for them? How much do I know of sacrificial love?
 - B. What is my impact on others? Am I a change agent for godliness in my friend's life? Is he more of a disciple because of me? Am I giving away myself in such a way that God-given needs are being met in his life?
 - C. Do I take the risk of openness, or is there a carefully constructed wall around my life that no one can penetrate? Have I ever expressed verbally my love and appreciation for my friend and displayed that love by opening up my life to him?
 - D. Am I an initiator of love, or am I waiting for others to earn my approval or to reach out to me?
 - E. How am I helping my friend realize his potential in any or every area of life? Is he fruitful because of me?

9. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:
- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
 - Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
 - Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
 - Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
 - Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
 - What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



Passionate Partnership
Part 11 — “Worthy To Be Sent”
Philippians 2:19-30
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I. Timothy (2:19-24)

A. Plans for Timothy

B. Timothy's Character

C. The Impact on the Philippians

D. The Impact on Paul

II. Epaphroditus (2:25-30)

A. Plans for Epaphroditus

B. Epaphroditus' Character

C. Epaphroditus' Background

D. The Impact on the Philippians

E. The Impact on Paul