



THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE GOSPEL

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30

Worthy Conduct

Small Group Study Guide

1. What is involved with conducting one's self as worthy of the Gospel? What does it mean to act like a "good citizen" of God's Kingdom?
2. What are the damaging effects when Christians in the Fellowship of the Gospel are not living worthy of the Gospel?
3. Does "the Gospel" mean all of Scripture's teachings or only the specific teaching on the way one can be saved? Explain your answer.
4. Get a copy of the booklet, 2 Ways to Live (also available from our website) and read through it. Is this the message of the Gospel that you are willing to strive together with others in this church, in one spirit and one mind? Why or why not?
5. What are the three main things that Paul wants to hear and see from the church (v. 27-28)?
6. What is meant by being "in one spirit and one mind" or, in other words, what does it mean to have unity in the church?
 - What does "unity" not mean? Explain your answer.
 - When unity is absent and strife exists in the church, what is the effect it has on those in the church?
 - When unity is absent and strife exists in the church, what is the effect it has on those outside the church?

Don't Forget:

Discuss the Sermon Notes from this week

7. "Striving together" refers to teamwork. Why is teamwork important for the progress of the church - the Fellowship of the Gospel?
- What happens to the team when one or more members turn from the unified team goal and seek individual goals? (For Philadelphia sports fans, think of the "T.O. Factor")
 - In football, the team goal is to score more points than your opponent. In NASCAR racing, the team goal is to cross the finish line first. What is the singular team goal of the church?
 - What are some ways that you can team up with the rest of the members of the church to advance the Gospel message in our community?

Most people want to avoid suffering at all costs. Sometimes going through suffering can be a way to give glory to God, like when we suffer for the cause of the Gospel.

8. What kind of suffering are you most afraid of facing if you take a greater stand for the advance of the Gospel and the Truth of God's Word? Why is this your greatest fear?
- (a) Ridicule/loss of relationships
 - (b) Financial hardship/loss of job
 - (c) Imprisonment/loss of freedom
 - (d) physical pain/loss of life

BIBLE MEMORY:
*Conduct yourselves in
a manner worthy of
the Gospel of Christ.*
Philippians 1:27

9. Have you ever faced suffering or hardship in your life because of your faith in Jesus Christ? How did you handle it? What was it that kept you going?
10. The purple heart is the medal given to soldiers who have been wounded or killed in combat to signify appreciation for courageous service and allegiance to the United States of America. According to Paul, what might be an appropriate symbol to use to identify those who have suffered in courageous service and allegiance to the Kingdom of God (v. 29-30)?
11. In what way does having the perspective that suffering for Christ is to be a badge of honor in the advancement of the Kingdom of God, help prepare one for the possibility of suffering and hardship when it comes?

For Next Week:
Prayerfully meditate and study the following: Philippians 2:1-11