



Community Group Sermon Application Questions- Week of Sunday 10/20

Philippians 2:1-4: “Make My Joy Complete”

Central Truth: Unity in the church is not merely a slogan, but rather a foundational expression of our salvation in Christ, lived out for His glory.

Begin by reading the passage together. In this passage we see:

3 Essentials to pursue God’s unity in the church

Grasp the motivation for our unity (v. 1)

- 1) Describe what first comes to mind when you think of the word “unity” (both positively and negatively from a biblical perspective). Are there ways in which conservative believers who cherish God’s truth (like us) might be tempted to diminish the importance of pursuing unity within the church and focus more on other commands in scripture? If so, explain. (Question 4 will serve as a follow-up)
- 2) Look at the four motivations for unity in verse 1. Describe how these four motivations fuel us to pursue unity among the body of Christ.

Align your mind with the marks of our unity (v. 2)

- 3) How does it strike you that Paul gives a command for unity? What does this tell us about the importance of pursuing unity in the church?
- 4) How do we protect unity in the church while also protecting the integrity of the gospel and the truth of God’s Word? How do we hold both commands firmly in our lives?

Live out the necessary means of our unity (vv. 3-4)

- 5) Why is humility essential to live out the unity we are commanded to maintain? How does a lack of humility cripple biblical unity?
- 6) Do you find it challenging to put the needs of others ahead of your own? How would our church and homes be different if all of us lived out Philippians 2:3-4? What needs to change in your heart and life this week to live out this call?