

Life in Color #6

Joy in Serving Others

Word

Scripture Reference

Philippians 2:19-30

Discussion Questions

1. Share with the group about the most fulfilling act of service you've done for others.
2. Philippians 2:19-30 teaches us about two biblical attitudes and their corresponding actions that Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus exemplified in serving others. Who are Timothy and Epaphroditus to Paul? Discuss the qualities that according to Paul distinguished them as followers of Christ. (v. 19-20; 25).
3. Timothy in his willingness to take on the hardships of going to a place as far as Philippi demonstrated a selflessness in serving others—an attitude we need to cultivate in order to find joy in serving. Examine yourself and ponder on the needs of those around you. In what way can the Lord use you in serving others selflessly? What are some things you might need to give up in order to help others, especially when your energy and time is so limited after meeting your own needs?
4. The second attitude in serving others that we can learn from Timothy is seeking the things of Christ (v. 21-23). Paul has seen that most believers are too anxious about their own needs to devote time to work for Christ (v. 21). What are some reasons why you struggle to serve others? Have you served others without expecting anything in return? Give examples and discuss how serving others for the sake of Christ can help develop your character.
5. A selfless attitude leads to an action of meeting the real needs of others, not what we *think* they need. Epaphroditus exemplified this by being the one who ministered to Paul's needs while Paul was in prison (v. 25). What kind of service do you do to meet the actual needs of those around you? When these needs require more than just your suggestion or advice

and actually demand your direct involvement, are you still ready and willing to help? How can you minister to those who minister to you?

6. Epaphroditus' service to others for the work of Christ was beyond commendable. How far did Paul say Epaphroditus was willing to go in his service to others for the work of the Lord (v. 26-27)? How far are you willing to serve God by serving others?
7. Paul exhibited joy in serving others by selflessly sending Epaphroditus back to the Philippians (v. 28). Why did he tell the Philippians to eagerly welcome Epaphroditus home and to esteem him (29-30)? What does this passage teach you about the kind of people and the kind of service that Christians should honor?
8. Evangelism and discipleship are hard work, but it is work that has eternal value. How can you incorporate these two important things in your daily life? What are you doing to bring Christ into your work at home, workplace, school, or church? Discuss how you can be a representative for Christ.

Walk

*“Out of my life may Jesus shine;
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How can you look for the interest of the Lord rather than your own interest this week?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

- GCCP disciples to serve others well with kindness and gladness as unto the Lord.
- Boldness to promote GCCP awareness.
- Wisdom and guidance for the ongoing preparations for DVBS and Youth Camp.
- Healing for Pedro Dyloco, Mel Garrido, Francisco So, Segundo Yu,
- FW, Beth.
- Stronger family bond for Nadine's family.
- Rose's daughter to know God more and to do well in all her studies.
- JL's safe pregnancy. Sonia's safe delivery.
- †Comfort for family of Mrs. Remedios Uy.