



Study Guide

Philippians 2:12-30

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1. There may be a tendency to be more focused or work harder when the boss's eyes are on you. What does Paul encourage the church to do in his absence in verse 12? What does it mean to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"? Is that contradictory from Ephesians 2:8-9?
2. In verse 14, Paul says to do everything without grumbling or arguing. How are those two heart issues redefined to make them more palatable or excusable to us? (For example: "I'm not pessimistic, I'm a realist.") What is at stake for the church if we excuse those attitudes?
3. When you read the traits of Timothy in verses 19-24, what traits stand out? Why? What about Epaphroditus in verses 25-30? Why?
4. Have you ever served alongside people with this type of unity, care, and commitment to Christ? Can you give examples of how you saw those qualities demonstrated? How did those experiences encourage or challenge you?

5. In verses 29–30, Paul shares that Epaphroditus risked his life for the work of Christ. What might we risk today in our own pursuit of Jesus?
6. When it comes to the church, what does it look like to be “in this together”? What are a Christian’s responsibilities towards other Christ followers? Where do you see yourself?
7. It’s been said that “church is not an individual sport, but a team sport”? Would you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
8. How have you seen the church stand together during the Coronavirus? Have you had any opportunities to “stretch” in regards to your faith and as as part of the Church? Tells us about these opportunities.

In closing ... Let’s pray for the Church. Both the local church in our area and the churches globally who are facing significant challenges. Thank you!

For next week: Read Philippians 3:1–11

