

Grow Group Questions • Philippians 1:27-30 • JoyFull

1. If you had to pick 3-5 things to describe who you are to someone, what would you pick?
 - a. Did you find yourself immediately thinking of something about following Christ or Christianity? Why or why not?
 - b. Do you struggle with mixing your worldly identities with your Christian one? If so, how?
2. Read Philippians 1:27-30 (CSB version). What stands out to you about this section?
 - a. What do you think a “Citizen of Heaven” is? Why would Paul use that term?
 - b. What do you think Paul meant by “live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel”? What does that look like? What does that not look like?
 - c. According to this passage, what are some ways that unity plays a role in the spread of the gospel?
3. Think about what it is like to suffer. How might hard times promote disunity among a community? Why might a person be more tempted to selfishness in the midst of personal difficulty? How is that counter to Gospel living?
4. The people of Philippi were proud to be a part of the Roman Empire and proud to be loyal Roman citizens. Do you think there are ways that being a citizen of Rome could conflict with being a citizen of Heaven for members of the Philippian church? Why or why not?
 - a. Do you think that tension exists for you in modern society? Why or why not?
 - b. How do you think living as a Gospel-Centered Christian would look different than the world around us? Why?
5. Pastor David shared this quote on Sunday: *The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.* What do you think of that quote? Do you see it playing out in your life or around you?
 - a. Do you find yourself struggling with a specific way that God calls us to live differently? If so, what?
6. Pastor David shared this on Sunday: “You by yourself in your own Christian life and walk, are not strong enough. You are not called to individual Christianity or individual Christian living. We are called to this great calling together. If we are not together we are a broken church.” Do you feel as though you have that calling and unity with those around you in Bethany Church?
 - a. How can we as a church still be united when individuals still disagree on some things? How can we be unified knowing that we will never agree on everything?

- b. How can we as a Grow Group grow in unity when we might disagree on some topics?** Take some time to pray for unity in your group, in Bethany Church and the global Church.