

Discipleship Resource "Together" Philippians 1:27

Scripture Memory

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel," Philippians 1:27 (ESV)

Sermon Summary

As a church, what is supposed to bring us together? According to Philippians 1:27, it is not our preferences that bring us together but the gospel of Christ. When the gospel brings us together, it does not keep us inward but focuses us outward, causing us to strive side by side for the sake of the gospel. Therefore, as we are united together by the gospel let us strive together for the faith of the gospel.

Discussion Guide

- · How does it move you to know that God has invited you to advance the gospel?
- What are things the church fights over? How does that hurt our witness?
- What are things the church should fight for? How does that help our witness?
- As the people of God, how can we guard against striving against each other?
- What steps can we take to strive "side by side for the faith of the gospel" this week?

Prayer Guide

- As a disciple, praise God that He has invited you into the family of God through the cross.
- For your family, pray that we would fight for one another and not against each other.
- For our church, pray that we would be united by the gospel and not our preferences.
- For our city, pray that God would bless our local partners to advance the gospel.
- For our world, pray that God would bless our global partners to advance the gospel.