



Series Topical

Passage Philippians 1:27-30, 2:1-11

Title Christ Centered Unity

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- **Discussion Starter:** What are some of the most challenging things you have faced in the area of Christ centered unity?

Standing Fast in Unity (Philippians 1:27-30)

- If we look at our history, we see that we are a nation and people of tremendous disunity. Disunity is inherent to our human nature. Identify and explain each of the four points of conduct by which Paul asks the Philippians to demonstrate their unity in Christ, proving that it was worthy of the gospel.

A Unified Life is a Worthy Life (Philippians 2:1-4; Mark 10:42-45)

- Paul asks four rhetorical questions in Philippians 2:1. Describe in your own words what Paul is trying to convey to the Philippians in each of these four questions.
- What are some of the key differences between a unified life that is founded on Jesus, as compared to the unity that we see in the world?
- Humility is also a key component to living a unified life in Christ. Paul instructs us in Philippians 2:3-4 to esteem others better than ourselves. After reading Mark 10:42-45, explain in your own words how Jesus instructed the disciples on ambition and humility. What would your life look like if you truly esteemed others better than yourself? Start by picking the first person you think of who really irritates you.

A Unified Life Looks to Jesus (Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:16)

- What is the importance of seeing Jesus as He truly is according to Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:16? How do these verses tie into the examples of humility demonstrated by Jesus in Philippians 2:5-8?
- What message is Paul conveying in Philippians 2:6-8 as it points back to exemplifying the "like mind of Christ" stated in Philippians 2:5?

A Unified Life Worships Jesus (Philippians 2:9-11)

- What does Philippians 2:9-11 tell us about unity and worship and how do they apply to both believers and non-believers?