

One Church Series  
Week 6 outline  
9.29.19  
Phil 2:19-30

## **ONE CHURCH: ONE INTEREST**

*"for they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ"*

### **I. The Interest of Christ (Phil 2:21)**

#### **A. What is Jesus interested in? (Phil 2:5-11)**

1. The Lordship of Jesus
2. The Glory of God

#### **B. How do we seek the things of Christ instead of the things of us? (Phil 2:12-13)**

1. The Joy of Obedience
  - Responding in obedience proclaims the Lordship of Christ as true in our lives
  - Responding in obedience brings glory to God the Father in Heaven.

OUR OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST  
PROCLAIMS HIS LORDSHIP  
AND BRINGS GLORY TO GOD

### **II. The Example of Others**

#### **A. Timothy (Phil 2:19-24)**

1. Tim was a man of kindred-spirit
  - "no one like him"*
  - (literally "of one-spirit")
  - A follower of Jesus transformed by the gospel of Jesus inside and out.
2. Tim was a man of genuine concern
  - "genuinely concerned for your welfare"*
  - a follower of Jesus committed to authentic relationships
3. Tim was a man of proven worth
  - (Tried, Tested, and True)
  - "like a father and son"*
  - "served with me in the gospel"*
  - a follower of Jesus with a purpose great than his own.

TIM WAS A REAL PERSON WITH REAL RELATIONSHIPS  
TRANSFORMED BY THE REAL LIFE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST  
AND COMMITTED TO THE REAL KINGDOM OF GOD  
LIVED OUT IN THE REAL WORLD AROUND HIM.

## **B. Epaphroditus (vs 25-30)**

1. Epaph was a brother in the family of God
  - a. *"my brother"*
2. Epaph was a stakeholder in the the Kingdom of Heaven
  - a. A *"fellow-worker"* with a lasting purpose
  - b. A *"fellow-soldier"* with a shared focus
3. Epaph was a member of a local church body
  - a. -who served as a *"messenger"*  
(apostolos: one earring a message on behalf of another)
  - b. -and who served as a *"minister"*  
(leitouron: one who discharges a public office at his own expense)

THE GOSPEL FITS US TOGETHER INTO A NEW FAMILY;  
FORMS US WITH LASTING PURPOSE and SHARED FOCUS IN GOD'S KINGDOM;  
AND ENABLES US TO FUNCTION WITH A COMMON MESSAGE  
AND A VITAL MINISTRY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH.

## **III. The Response of Us**

- A. Stay in fellowship
  - as kindred-spirits with the God and one another.
- B. Live in community
  - with genuine concern for one another
- C. Be on mission
  - as living proof, willing to live and die for the sake of the gospel

WHEN WE LIVE AS  
BROTHERS, SISTERS, CITIZENS, & MEMBERS;  
TOGETHER WITH FORM, FIT, AND FUNCTION;  
WE PROCLAIM THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST  
AND BRING GLORY TO GOD.