

A Fellowship that Honors Christ

Philippians 2:1-4

Study Questions

1. 1:27 exhorts us to live lives worthy of the gospel.
 - a. What does it mean to live a life worthy of the gospel?
 - b. Why is this so important?
 - c. How can Christians who disagree still obey that command together? (see 1 Cor 2:16)
2. The definition given for thinking the same is “actively striving to achieve common understanding and genuine agreement.”
 - a. What mutual foundation needs to be understood and in place as Christians discuss and disagree? (see Rom 12:5)
 - b. How should our shared essential beliefs frame our approach to discussing things we disagree on?
 - c. What attitudes should rule our discussion? (see Phil 2:3-4; 1 Cor 13)
3. The first expression of thinking the same is “having the same love.”
 - a. How does maintaining the same love promote unity in thinking?
 - b. What is the source of this love?
 - c. How is it maintained among brothers and sisters who disagree?
4. Being “one-souled” is an important part of unity.
 - a. What must we be willing to set aside in order to promote this kind of unity?
 - b. How can Christians who disagree on certain things still be one-souled?
 - c. Is it possible for Christians who disagree to still be intent on one purpose?
5. 2:3-4 lists the actions necessary for a church to be of the same mind. It teaches us that unity is also about what we do, and not just how we think.
 - a. How do the attitudes commanded in 2:2 motivate the action commanded in 2:3-4?
 - b. What must be resisted in order to have a fellowship that honors Christ?
 - c. What example of this kind of thinking and action is given to us in 2:5-11?