

A Fellowship that Honors Christ Part 3

Philippians 2:3-5

Study Questions

1. It is clear from the text that unity is a priority, but it is also very difficult.
 - a. What makes unity, or any obedience to God, so difficult?

 - b. What three things must we believe if we're going to strive for unity?

2. Disunity is a disease that harms the body.
 - a. What are the two causes of this disease, identified in 2:3, that we are to put off?

 - b. What is the cure we are to put on?

 - c. Who is the example of this attitude?

3. The main request of this passage is to think the same or be "united in thinking".
 - a. How would you describe a "superficial" unity?

 - b. How is this not less than agreeing on what we believe?

 - c. How is this more than agreement in doctrine?

4. Selfish ambition and empty conceit are two main causes of disunity.
 - a. Is it possible to display selfish ambition over worthy causes?

 - b. How can we guard against dismissing the command to love and serve others in the interest of our own agendas?

 - c. How can we help ourselves and others detect a desire to promote self?

5. The cure for disunity is humility.
 - a. In your own words, define humility.

 - b. What does it mean to count others as more significant than yourself?

 - c. How will we know whether or not we're following that command?

 - d. What does 2:5-11 teach us about the patterns we are to follow in a healthy church fellowship?