

## **Complete Joy**

### Week 5 – Live Worthy

**Transition:** In last week's text, Paul was confident that he would be liberated soon from his imprisonment. However, his primary desire was to die and be with Christ. Even though this desire was great, he felt a sense of obligation to remain on earth and continue investing in the spiritual growth of the Philippians.

**Check Point:** Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

**Context:** In this week's text, Paul challenges the Philippians to live a life worthy of the gospel of Christ. He desires to either see or hear of their teamwork in the faith and boldness before their enemies. Paul reminds them that God not only grants salvation but suffering as well.

#### **Opening Questions:**

- If you've had experience being on any kind of team, describe what made it function smoothly.
- What factors cause a team to malfunction?

**Scripture/Storying:** Philippians 1:27-30

#### **Discipleship Questions:**

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- What are the characteristics of a life worthy of the gospel? Why do you need reminders/encouragement to live a life worthy of the Gospel? How can you live a life worthy of the gospel in your home, work, school, etc...?
- Where is unity most necessary in the church and why? What do you feel are the biggest challenges to unity in the body of Christ? Why is unity in the body of Christ important to you? How is God leading you to strive side by side with others for the faith of the gospel currently? How does a strong emphasis on discipleship contribute to the overall unity in a church body?
- Who or what are the greatest opponents to the Christian faith today? Why does the church have opponents? What is the best way the church can battle against her opponents?
- Paul says that God not only grants belief in Christ, but he also grants suffering for Christ. What is challenging to you about this? Why does God grant suffering? What lessons have you learned through your suffering? What have you learned about God and yourself? How can you suffer well for Jesus?
- Paul tells the Philippians that they are in this struggle together. How does knowing others have gone through similar battles help you? How can you use the struggles you have faced for discipleship?

**Prayer time:** - Redeem All Ministries

1. Children's Outreach – Pray specifically for: The safety of all the kids attending. Cooler weather. Every attending child will be impacted by God's Word and presence.
2. Volunteer Appreciation – Pray this will be a special time of encouragement for volunteers