



Leader

11/10 - Philippians 4

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text. Verse 2 speaks of Euodia and Syntyche who labored with Paul in ministry; faithful women who shared in the struggle with Paul. Paul alludes to a tension that has formed between these two. What is Paul's request for them?
He requests that all agree in the Lord...Be Peaceable; be reasonable. Ultimately, seek unity in love.
3. Paul returns to the theme of Joy in verse 4. Why do you think Paul emphasizes this to the Philippians?
He reminds them that a deep contentment and trust is available to them in Christ, both in good times and bad times. This is not a happiness based on circumstances, but a deep contentment that is based on trust in a sovereign God.
4. Why do you think Paul reminds us that the "Lord is at hand" directly after speaking to us about our reasonableness?
There is a sense of urgency here. They are reminded that Jesus will return and hold people accountable for their deeds.
5. Anxiety is prevalent in our culture. What is Paul's remedy for aiding feelings of anxiety?
To set our minds on things above. To set our minds on things eternal (Col. 3)...Namely, the things listed in verse 8. Trusting in our sovereign Lord with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving towards Him in the face of anxiety inducing situations.
6. Paul says in verse 9 to practice the things they have heard and seen in Paul? What are some of those things? Any passages in Philippians come to mind?
Philippians 2:1-11. Also, themes of thanksgiving, praise and service throughout entire book.
7. Paul equates peace with a special guarding. What generates the guardianship of your heart and mind?
Prayer and supplication, with Thanksgiving.
8. The truths of the Bible are meant to be shared. How would you encourage someone with this passage without minimizing their hurt/trial?
[Dialogue]
9. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary