

Series: My Cup Overflows, a study in Philippians

Sermon: "...live life worthy of the Gospel..."

Primary Text: Philippians 1:27-30

Discussion Guide:

- What are some roles in your life (past or present) that have had major impacts on how you lived your life or what your life looked like day to day?
- Which roles have the greatest impact on your life?
- Read James 3:13 and 1 Peter 2:12.
 - How do these passages describe the life of a believer?
 - How does your status as a "citizen of Heaven" impact your life on earth today?
- What comes to mind as you read this statement: The most important weapon against the enemy is not a stirring sermon or a powerful book; it is the consistent life of believers.
 - Read 2 Cor. 3:2-3
 - Paul says, "You are a letter from Christ." What does that say about our actions as we engage with the world?
- Read Philippians 1:27-30
 - Do you feel the Church (universal) meets the challenge of Paul when he says we should be "standing firm in one spirit, with one mind"?
 - Are there some points on which we should be divided?
 - If so, how do we determine which points those are?
 - What does it look like to "strive side by side for the faith of the Gospel"?
 - Matthew Henry says "The unity and unanimity of Christians become the gospel: *Strive together*, not strive one with another; all of you must strive against the common adversary. One spirit and one mind become the gospel; for *there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism*. There may be a oneness of heart and affection among Christians, where there is diversity of judgment and apprehensions about many things."
 - How is our lack of fear a sign to our enemies of their destruction and our salvation?
 - When was the last time you counted it as a blessing to suffer for Christ?
 - How can we be sure that the suffering we experience is because of our faith in Christ and not just because of our own selfish actions?