Life Together

Week Three Encourage and Honour

Philippians 2:19-30 (CSB)

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minister to my need $-\frac{26}{5}$ since he has been longing for all of you and was distressed because you heard that he was sick. 27 Indeed, he was so sick that he nearly died. However, God had mercy on him, and not only on him but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 For this reason, I am very eager to send him so that you may rejoice again when you see him and I may be less anxious. 29 Therefore, welcome him in the Lord with great joy and hold people like him in honor, 30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up what was lacking in your ministry to me.

Bible Reader

"This is the Word of the Lord."

Response

"Thanks be to God."

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For people will be lovers of self ... rather than lovers of God, holding to the form of godliness but denying its power.

2 Timothy 3:2-5



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Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33



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Philippians 2:25–30

Emulate Epaphroditus

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour

Romans 12:10



The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us ... (Here is) the goal of all Christian community: (that) they meet one another as bringers of the message of salvation.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer