

Community Group Guide
Phillipians Week 4
“Unity”
Week of May 10

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
 2. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past 2 weeks?
 3. Who did you share the gospel with?
 4. Where has God revealed that following Christ is not your primary motivation
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Scripture

Read *Phillipians 2:1-4*

Key Points From Message

Unity is when people who are not the same come together around something that defines them more than that which makes them different.

1. Allow Christ to characterize your view of the church
2. Combat selfish ambition with service
3. Find your significance in Christ affection and not your action

Other scripture referenced: *Ephesians 2:3-5*

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. In verse 1 Paul starts with “If then...” What is the “if then” referring to?
3. In verse 2 we are instructed to be “united in spirit, intent on one purpose.” What is the one purpose?
4. Whose interests are we supposed to place the most value on?

Deepen

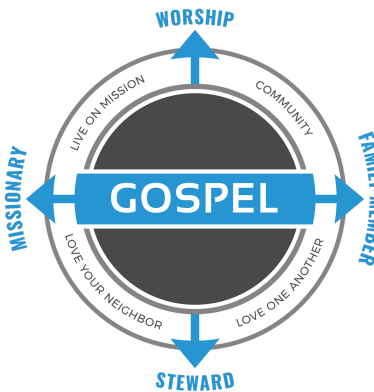
1. What challenged you about this week’s message?
 2. Have you ever sat down and tried to view a situation through someone else’s “lens?” What is a situation right now where it would be beneficial to try viewing it from someone else's perspective?
 3. Are you comfortable with being uncomfortable for the sake of others?
 4. What is one of the areas of your life that you tend to compare against others? How do you turn this into a way to serve others?
 5. Do you find your significance through what you are doing for God or in God himself? If you don't find it through God, how can you change this?
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Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sins, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. This time allows us to better evaluate our relationships, emotions, and circumstances.

Action Step

In order to grow as Christians we must be unified with other Christians. We all have barriers to unity with our brothers and sisters in the church. Based on the discussion today evaluate where the gospel needs to be applied in your life to have a Christ-centered view. Discuss this area with your community group. Discuss where you need to combat selfish ambition with service so they can hold you accountable.



For next week read *Philippians 2:5-11*

Missions Focus: Local Food Pantries

Must Ministries

Must Ministries is a local organization founded in 1971 with the mission of being a servant leader for the communities in Marietta, Smyrna, Canton, and Cherokee County. Must Ministries helps to connect those who have a desire to help with those who need help the most. With the school closings, Must Ministries is collecting food to help feed at-risk students and their families. For more information go to mustministries.org.

Mosaic Church

Mosaic Church is a member of the SBC and the main food distribution point for local schools in the West Cobb area. They are currently collecting non-perishable food donations for the 1500 families that they serve. Donations can be dropped off at Mosaic Church (1528 Austell Rd, Marietta, Ga 30008) Mon-Thur from 9am-4pm. Go to <http://www.mosaicmarietta.org/covid19.html>

for more information or to sign up to help pack boxes/monitor the computer lab for kids who are out of school.

Fair Oaks Elementary School

Fair Oaks Elementary School is one of the schools we have partnered with. They are currently in need of non-perishable food items (spaghetti, ramen, mac & cheese; foods that only need water and a microwave), diapers, and baby formula/food. Donations can be dropped off at Fair Oaks between 10am-noon (407 Barber Rd, Marietta, Ga 30060).

Go to <https://www.imageatl.com/covid19/serve/> for more information.

Prayer

Father, thank you for giving us the local church and other believers so that we do not have to go through life alone. Help us to be unified through Christ. Reveal the areas of our life that prevent us from unifying in the gospel. Give us the boldness and courage to lift up our shortcomings and struggles so that You may be glorified.

Memory Verse

“I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.” -Philippians 4:12-13 (CSB)

Announcements

- On **Monday** May 11 at 7:30pm we will be having a special **Pursuit of Unity** virtual event to come together as a family to listen, engage, and pray as a church family around the murder of Ahmaud Arbery.
- There will be no physical gathering on **Sunday May 17**. We will be broadcasting the service at 10:30am from our [website](#) and our [youtube channel](#)
- We have a Psalms reading plan that will run into September! You can find the **daily** reading [here](#)
- Every **Wednesday** at **noon** there is a church-wide prayer call. During this time we pray through one of the psalms to help stop and reorient our hearts around who God is and what He has done. Click [here](#) to join or call 1-408-418-9388. Meeting number: 710 896 433; Password: Pray2gether.
- Every Thursday at 8pm join Pastor Mike on [Instagram](#) live as he answers questions!