



Title: Defined by the Lordship of Jesus

Main Scripture: Philippians 1:27-30

The Lordship of Jesus defines our conduct:

Act like heaven is our true home and hope, because it is. (v 27)

Seek wholeness in the seen and secret parts of your life. (v 27)

The Lordship of Jesus defines our relationships:

Stand firm together in the Holy Spirit.

Strive together for others to love Jesus. (v 27c)

Don't flinch in the face of opposition. (v 28)

The Lordship of Jesus defines our suffering. (vv 29-30)

NEXT STEPS: Will you recoil or respond?

You can respond by setting a spiritual goal today.

Set a spiritual goal. Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight for you at least one of the following areas to be your spiritual goal for this new year:

- How will I invite the Lordship of Jesus over my life?
- How will I conduct myself from a heavenly vantage point?
- How will I seek wholeness inside and out?
- How will I stand in unity with others?
- How will I contend for people to know Jesus?
- How can I have courage towards opposition and enemies?
- How can I allow Jesus to be Lord over my suffering and struggles?

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Small Group Sermon Study | Philippians 1:27-30

Opening Prayer: *God, we thank you for today. We thank you for the opportunity to sit in Your presence with those here. We pray that through this time together that you will be glorified and praised in our study and in our conversation. Amen.*

Read the key passages of Scripture and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. What did you like and appreciate about this message?
2. What was something you learned from this message?
3. Read Philippians 1:27-30 again. What stands out to you?
4. Pastor Craig talks about how the Lordship of Jesus defines our conduct. Would you say this is true of how you live your life? Why or why not? Where might there need to be some change?
5. Do you regularly consider the reality that the seen and secret parts of your life affect you and others around you? Do you agree that this is true? How does this reality impact your actions on a daily basis?
6. Pastor Craig makes the point that the one thing we can't do in heaven is share the good news of Jesus with those who don't know. Would you say that sharing Jesus with others is an active, purposeful part of your life? Depending on your answer, why or why not? Is there anything in your life hindering this from happening regularly?
7. From this passage, we see that God's heart for us is that we never walk alone in suffering for our faith. Jesus identifies with us in our suffering, and we walk with one another through it. Has this been true of you and your experience together as a small group? In what ways can you continue to grow in supporting and encouraging each other, so this can be true of the community you share?

Personal Reflection

After listening to the sermon, what are some next steps you can take to respond to what you've heard?

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Silently re-read Philippians 1:27-30, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

Prayer: As a group, ask each other how you can pray for one another this week.