



**Life Illustrated**  
Philippians 2:17–30

1. The Example of \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP QUESTIONS**

**Opening:** If you had to turn over your business affairs or belongings to someone outside your family, who would you choose? Why?

**Read Philippians 2:17–30**

1. How is it possible for Paul to have an attitude of joy in the midst of his situation (imprisoned, chained to a guard, facing possible death)?  
What convictions helped Paul remain joyful? **Read Philippians 1:21**  
What convictions bring you joy in the midst of adversity?  
Can your joy in the midst of adversity help others be glad and rejoice? How?
2. If you had to give a character reference for Timothy, what would you say?  
**Read Philippians 1:27-2:16.** How does Timothy exemplify these verses?  
How hard is it to take a genuine interest in the welfare of others?  
How often do you take an interest in the welfare of others?
3. If you gave a character reference for Epaphroditus, what would you say?  
What do the phrases “fellow worker” and “fellow soldier” suggest about our responsibilities as Christians and the concept of Christian partnership?
4. How important are people like Epaphroditus in the work of the gospel? Why?  
What does verse 29 suggest about our attitudes toward Christian leaders?
5. If Timothy and Epaphroditus came to your church to solve problems, how would you want to use them?
6. Do you have any models of humility and service in your life?  
How do they challenge you to grow?
7. What would it look like to follow the examples of Paul, Timothy, and Epaphroditus?  
What are some things you will stop doing? What are some things you will start doing?

**MEMORY VERSE:**

Philippians 2:17

“Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.”

2. The Example of \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Example of \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Steps:**

- I am thankful for the examples of Paul, Timothy, and Epaphroditus.
- I will demonstrate genuine concern and compassion for others.
- I will turn from living a life focused on myself to a life more focused on Christ and others.
- I will honor and give my best to those who are examples in the Christian faith.