

Main Street Church - Life Group Questions

Series: **JOY** (Philippians) Message: May 17. Part 5 -JOY in COMMUNITY.



Connect

: (BROTHER) If you had to choose another FIRST & LAST NAME, what would they be?

: (WORKER) If you had to do another JOB/WORK, what would it be?

: (SOLDIER) If you were in the Canadian Military, which branch of the Armed Forces would you choose?

[Army, Navy, Air Force or RCMP]

Open with Prayer

“JESUS – Thank you for our Church Community, and for our Life Group. Please teach us and empower us to build each other up and serve one another as *Brothers & Sisters, Co-Workers & Fellow Soldiers*. For Your Kingdom and in Your Name we pray, Amen.

Check In (Don't skip over this)

:: What has God been showing/speaking to you about in your personal time with Him?

:: How can we as a group encourage one another to spend intentional time with Jesus?

{Devotional ideas (Prayer booklets...), Bible Reading Plan, Podcasts, Accountability, Encounter God...}

Sunday Message Feedback :: JOY in COMMUNITY

What jumped out at you from Sunday's message?

Which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

What did Jesus say to you to you this past week through the message?

1. What is 1 way that our COMMUNITY has helped your faith journey this past year?
(in Serving, in Life Group, in Accountability, through Care, in Prayer/Spiritual Warfare...)

2. READ **Philippians 2:25-30 & 4:18-20**

: Have you ever met someone with the *name Epaphroditus*?

: His name means 'Handsome & Charming'.

- Who is the most 'handsome & charming' man you know? *just kidding*.

: If you were under House-Arrest (in Prison for your Faith), what would you hope to receive in a Care Package from a church in another country? (Have each person in your group choose a different item)

: How did Epaphroditus model/put-into-practice what Paul instructs us to do in [Philippians 2:1-18](#)?

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: Do you know anyone *like* Epaphroditus? How are they like him?

“Life isn't about Getting & Having, it's about Giving & Being!” – Kevin Kruse

3. PAUL refers to Epaphroditus as his ***True Brother, Co-Worker, & Fellow Soldier.***
(He recognized the value & need for all three roles and responsibilities in him, and the church)

1. **BROTHERS & SISTERS = COMMUNITY** (Common Family, Father & Love)
2. **CO-WORKER = CORPORATION/COOPERATION** (Common Work)
3. **FELLOW SOLDIER = CAUSE** (Common Battle & Victory)

:: Why are ALL 3 important in the Church today?

:: How would you rank these 3 ways to Invest in Community for yourself?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

:: Do you think you are more of a Brother/Sister, a Worker, or a Soldier?

:: Which one do you need to grow in and learn from others in the most?

:: Who is someone that models that character/role?

4. How can we grow in & experience the JOY of being “Brothers & Sisters” in Christ?

: How are you/we practically loving one another as Brothers & Sisters with One Heavenly Father?

(Romans 12:9-21)

5. How can we grow in & experience the JOY of being “Co-Workers” in Christ?

: Where & How are you/we working to advance the work of Jesus Christ? (Locally/Globally)

(Philippians 2:12-18)

6. How can we grow in & experience the JOY of being “Fellow Soldiers” in Christ?

: How can we enforce the Victory of Christ in our lives, families and community?

: How can we *fight* together effectively in the spiritual realm (like a Roman unit)?

(Ephesians 6:10-20)

APPLICATION & PRAYER: (Break into groups of 3-4, or Men & Women)

o **GIVE THANKS to JESUS for...**

: a ***Brother/Sister in Christ*** who loves you and has inspired/encouraged your faith...

: a ***Co-Worker in Christ*** who has served or is serving alongside you...

: a ***Fellow Soldier in Christ*** who has prayed with/for you and fought spiritually alongside you...

o **PRAY for the person on your right – that Jesus would strengthen and grow them as a *Brother/Sister, Co-Worker, and Fellow Soldier* in the faith.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 23

:: **RealWoman Event** – 9am-11:30am at Main Street Church. (SOLD OUT)

June 5-6

:: **The MAN Event** – Friday Night, All Day Saturday at Main Street Church. *Registration ends May 25th.