

Service
Week Three:

Introduction:

Section 1: Ministry and Unity

A. Maintaining Unity

What are the five bases of unity that Paul lists in Philippians 2:1?

- 1) Encouragement in Christ–
- 2) Consolation of love–
- 3) Fellowship of the Spirit–
- 4) Affection–
- 5) Compassion–

How is unity described in Philippians 2:2?

A unity of how they _____
Possessing the same _____ to other
_____ behavior
A deep _____ in their spiritual lives, their very

A common _____ in their thinking

How would you summarize the four commands given in Philippians 2:3-4 as means for maintaining unity?

How does Christ offer the perfect illustration of a unity maintaining person (cf. Phil. 2:5-8)?

B. Bearing with Others

1. Bearing with Each Others Differences

Paul's thesis is that the weaker brother should be accepted, but not for the purpose, however, of passing judgment upon him (14:1):

- reasons why a weaker brother should not be judged as to his opinions:

- 1) God has _____ both the weak and the strong (14:2-4)
- 2) Both the weak and the strong are _____ for themselves to their master (14:4)
- 3) Both the weak and the strong are to be fully _____ in their minds that they are serving the Lord (14:5-6)
- 4) God is going to _____ both the weak and the strong alike for their actions (14:7-12)

- six conclusions regarding the response a stronger brother is to have to a weaker brother. He is to:

- 1) not be _____ towards him (14:13)
- 2) not put an _____ or _____ block before the weaker brother, since he is ultimately affecting one of Christ's chosen ones (14:13-15)
- 3) serve Christ in doing this by not allowing his _____ to produce evil rather than the good it represents (14:16-18)
- 4) seek to live in _____ and _____ his brother rather than tear him down (14:19-20)

- 5) avoid committing _____ by giving offense to his brother and causing him to stumble (14:20-21)
- 6) make sure he is _____ and _____ that the gray issue which he practices is done in faith and not in doubting (14:22-23)

2. Bearing Others Burdens

Helping each other to deal with their sins (6:1)

Helping each other to deal with their struggles (6:2)

Section 2: Ministry and Christ

A. The Centrality of Christ

Revelation 1

Christ's Person: Jesus Christ is the _____ witness
(Rev. 1:5)!

Christ's Work: Jesus Christ made all believers into a
kingdom of _____ (Rev. 1:6)!

4. Who gives the reward to the believer for faithfulness, and in what context is that faithfulness practiced (Matthew 25:21, 23)?

5. In Luke 12:42-48 with what is faithfulness coupled, and what does it prevent from taking place?

B. Importance of Faithfulness

1. With what other attributes of God is the attribute of faithfulness listed in Deuteronomy 32:4 and Psalm 33:4?
2. How is God's faithfulness described in Psalm 146:6 and to what is it referring in the context?
3. What does the faithfulness of God lead to in 1 Corinthians 1:9 and 2 Corinthians 1:18?

C. What Ministry Is

1. What are the two basic areas of ministry that are available to anyone, and how do you think they are to be understood (3:6-9)?
2. What aspect of ministry is completely in God's hand, and how should that affect my approach and perspective on ministry (3:7)?

3. What exactly is Paul's concern in 3:10? What imagery has he carried over from the first nine verses of chapter three?
4. How is the character of what is built to be tested (3:13)? To what is being referred by this testing?
5. What are the possible outcomes of the testing and in what will those outcomes result (3:14-15)?
6. How can you build with gold, silver, and precious stones, which represent the imperishable materials in your ministry, and give a biblical passage that demonstrates it?