

## Discussion Group Questions

Paul starts out verse 1 with the word “therefore.” What is the significance of the word “therefore,” and how does this help you live the Christian life?

In verse 1, why does Paul identify himself as “the prisoner of the Lord?” And why should that encourage of us today?

In our text, Paul is imploring or begging you to “walk in a manner worthy of our calling.” What are some practical ways you can do this this week?

In verse 2, we are told that we are to live our lives “in all humility.” Why is “humility” foundational to our Christian lives? Give some practical ways we can, this week, live humbly at work and with your families?

Why is living our lives with “patience” so difficult? How we grow in “patience?”

In verse 3, Paul states that we are to “be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit.” As we saw, “being diligent” means “working hard.” In what ways can we “work hard” to preserve the unity of the Spirit? Hint – the key to this question is a right understanding of what “unity of the spirit” means?

## Prayer Topics

Ask God to grow your desire to spend time in prayer and studying his word.

Ask God to help you not only trust him during trials but that he would use those trials to strengthen your faith and to use you to encourage others who are suffering similar trials.

Thank God for all that he has done in saving you and all that he is going to continue to do to grow and mature you.

Pray that God would continue to unify Anchor Bible Church around sound doctrine and that our church would be a light in this city.