

SERMON-BASED STUDY: ONE MIND

Philippians 1:27-2:4, ESV – ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we were reminded to live in a manner worthy of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. What does this kind of life look like?

2 What does it mean for Christians to live in one spirit and one mind?

3 Why is humility so difficult? What are some practical ways to practice humility?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **1 Peter 3:8-9, ESV** – ⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

Romans 12:16, ESV – ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

4 In 1 Peter 3:8, we see a list of attributes that all believers should exemplify. How are these attributes interrelated? Why are they so difficult to live out on a regular basis?

5 What does it mean to live in harmony with others? Does this mean you have to always agree with others? Explain.

6 How does the presence of these characteristics in the church help our witness to the unbelieving world?

B **Romans 15:1-6, ESV** – We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Paul exhorts his readers to “please their neighbor for their good” instead of pleasing themselves. What does it mean to “please one’s neighbor”?

8 Looking at the passage above, what things can help give us guidance as to how to please our neighbor? How are you utilizing these things in your own life? Explain.

9 Why is it important for us to live in unity as Christians? How can you help bring unity to the body of believers that you are currently a part of?

TAKING IT HOME

Read John 13:31-35. Jesus emphasizes the importance of unity among believers. In fact, He commands it. Why is this so important to Jesus? How is our witness affected by our unity? How are you doing in being a “unifier”? Moving forward, what are some things you can do to help move towards “one mind”? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to be “unifiers.”

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 7:3-5

Acts 17:11

Romans 12:1-2

1 Thessalonians 5:20-22