

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Sacred Joy: A study of Philippians
November 1, 2009
Philippians 1.27-30; 3.20

Through your time of discussion don't forget Philippians 2.5-11. Christ, His incarnation, His death, His resurrection, His ascension, His coronation and His intercession should be central to our conduct. We have an example in Jesus, a helper in the Holy Spirit and a loving Father who is rooting us on as His children.

1. What does Paul mean when he says, *conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ* (1.27)? Discuss the connection with Philippians 3.20.
2. What conduct does Paul have in mind that is *worthy of the gospel of Christ* (1.27-28)?
3. How would you act differently if Christ was physically going everywhere you went throughout your day (1.27)? Would that change the way you would conduct yourself in areas in which you struggle? How would your marriage be different, your relationships with your kids, friends, coworkers?
4. What do people hear about The Ridge Church, are we *standing firm together in one spirit, in one purpose for the faith of the gospel* (1.27)? What does this mean?
5. What are some of the ways this world, our community, or even people at work intimidate our actions (1.28)? How can we overcome these intimidations? Read Romans 8.37-39.
6. Why is it a privilege to suffer for Christ (1.29-30)?
7. DA Carson says, *If their salvation has been secured by the suffering of another on their behalf, their discipleship is to be demonstrated in their own suffering on his behalf.* In what sense could it be said of us that we follow Jesus Christ, if there is no cross bearing in our life (1.29-30; Luke 9.23; Galatians 2.20)?