

That They May Be One

PASTOR MIKE YODER • PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

PHILIPPIANS *Transcendent Joy*

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WARM UP

What's your favorite tradition in the Fall?

COMING UP

Membership Class Sunday, October 10 • 4:00 p.m. • MC 3 • Childcare is available. To RSVP, visit GracePolaris.org/Membership or text "Membership" to 614-888-7733.

Global Ministry Update Brunch with Tom & MaryAnn Barlow Saturday, October 23 • 9:30 a.m. • MC 3-4 To register by October 21 for \$5 (food included), visit GracePolaris.org/Barlow or text "Barlow" to 614-888-7733.

Baptism Sunday, October 31 • During Worship Services • To register for baptism by October 17, visit GracePolaris.org/Baptism or text "Baptism" to 614-888-7733.

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Why does Paul list four different descriptions of commonality among believers (2:1) when one could have sufficed? What is he attempting to demonstrate?
- 2 Paul appeals to the Philippians to "make [his] joy complete," but we might have expected something like "because it's reasonable with others" or "it's right before God." Why does Paul make his plea so personal?
- 3 What's the difference between unity and uniformity? Which one is Paul calling believers to in 2:3? Explain.
- 4 Why is "selfish ambition" and "vain conceit" so poisonous to unity? How might they be displayed between believers who belong to the same spiritual family/church? How might you be tempted?
- 5 Why should humility be the default perspective/attitude for every Christian (2:3)? What fuels *real* humility?
- 6 Does 2:4 require a believer to be a doormat for the wishes and desires of everyone else? If not, what does it require?
- 7 What might you need to do to foster practical unity with other believers, including those in our church? What issues are most difficult for you to overlook regarding differences you have with other believers?

PRAY

Pray for a heart that is humble and a life that displays unity.