



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"Real Men of Jesus"
Philippians 2:19-30

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

FOR MORE ON THIS SERMON SERIES:
To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain by Matt Chandler
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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *Philippians 2:21*. Paul says, "Everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ." Read *Philippians 1:15, 17*. How were people in Paul's time self-interested? How are people today self-centered?
- 2) Seth mentioned that we have a male problem in our society. From the Industrial Revolution, the War Years, Feminism, and extended adolescence, men are confused, and many men don't know how to be men of Jesus. What are your thoughts on this?
- 3) Read *Philippians 2:19-30*. After giving the Philippians the perfect example of humility and obedience in Jesus (*Phil. 2:1-11*), Paul gives a challenge to them to live obedient lives (*Phil. 2:12-18*). Then Paul gives two men of Jesus who should be considered role models: Timothy and Epaphroditus. How did Paul describe Timothy? How did he describe Epaphroditus?
- 4) Like Timothy, a real man of Jesus is a sympathetic person and a seasoned veteran who is genuinely concerned for others (see *Phil. 2:3-4, 20*). Have you had a man in your life who was sympathetic? Describe him.
- 5) Like Epaphroditus, a real man of Jesus is a selfless worker and a self-sacrificing leader (see *Phil. 2:25-30*). Have you had a man in your life who was selfless and self-sacrificing? Describe him.
- 6) Both Timothy and Epaphroditus were self-minded believers. They kept Jesus the main thing in their lives, and these men should be honored for their strong faith (see *Phil. 2:29*). Who are men in your life that you can show honor to? Take some time to encourage them this week.
- 7) Read *1 Corinthians 13:11*. Men and women, how can you help boys become real men of Jesus and put away childish things?

FOR YOUR FAMILY - We are on Week #39 of Children's Catechism.

Please teach your children question 55.

- 1) Memorize *1 Corinthians 13:11* - *When I was a child, I spoke like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.*
- 2) Read *Philippians 1:15,17; 2:21*. Discuss with your family how easy it is to be self-centered.
- 3) Read *Philippians 2:19-30*. Discuss with your family two real men of Jesus: Timothy and Epaphroditus. Describe how they were men of God, and why it is important today to have strong men of faith.