

Make My Joy Complete

[our greatest struggle]
Philippians 2.1-4

[some words]

Paraklesis

Paramuthion

Koinonia

Splagchnon and Oiktirmos

Phroneo

Sumpsuchos

What this looks like:

[others]

Give some examples of how our culture exalts the individual at the expense of the others.

Why do you think God's design in the scriptures seems to favor the idea of community rather than individual isolation?

In Philippians 2.1-4, what are some of the ideas of what life should look like? Give some practical ideas for how you could practice those things.

So does this mean that we have to agree about everything? Explain.

How should this affect the way that we disagree?

Why is this such a struggle? Why do we fight so hard for the things that aren't that important?

What should we agree on? Why?

Going Deeper—Living it Out

[putting it together]

Rooted in who God is

Trinitarian love

This God –

“one thing”

[big questions]

Who does your life tend to be oriented toward?

What keeps you from being of one soul with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

What will it take for you to step out of a me-centered into the other-centered life of Christ?

Philippians: Companions in Grace

Going Deeper—Living it Out

What are some things about who God is that should shape our relationships with each other or even our perspective on the way the world works?

Describe some things about God that should probably work their way into our relationships more?

How is it possible that the people we find hardest to love are, perhaps, the ones we need to love the most—if not for them, maybe, more for our own redemption?

So, who do you need to begin to “move around” as you let God move around you?

MEMORIZE THIS!

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:

I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

–John 17.22-23