

A Life to Die For

Part 6: Hope

Philippians 1:27-2:2

Launch

What is the thing in life that confuses you the most (something that makes absolutely no sense)?

Explore

Read the passage

Paul says we are to live lives worthy of the gospel of Christ. What did he have in mind? Conversely, what does a life unworthy of the gospel look like?

Think about what it is like to suffer. How might hard times promote disunity among a community? Why might a person be more tempted to selfishness in the midst of personal difficulty?

2:1 mentions “encouragement in Christ”, “consolation of love,” “fellowship with the Spirit,” and “affection and compassion.” How would experiencing these things help the Philippians to live out Paul’s expectations in 2:2?

Apply

Compare your life now to five years ago: What kind of changes have you seen in terms of living in a manner worthy of the gospel?

Paul says that we’re not only to believe in Christ, but to suffer for him. How have you suffered for the sake of the gospel?

How has this LifeGroup displayed the traits that Paul describes in 2:2? What “one goal” are we focusing on?

Pray

Pray that, in the midst of suffering, we would experience the people of God and the presence of God.