

# Conduct Worthy of The Gospel

Philippians 1:27-2:4

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- 1. Have you experienced Christian fellowship? What was that like?
- 2. True or false: It is possible to experience Christian fellowship outside of a local congregation.

### Paul's Theme (1:27a)

- 1. Consider some of the tourists you have come across (maybe at Yosemite, San Francisco, Disneyland...). What have you learned from them (or what assumptions have you made) about where they are from?
- 2. What might people learn about God's kingdom / the gospel when they observe you?
- 3. Perhaps a fairer question: What would you like people to learn about God's kingdom / the gospel when the observe you?
- 4. Same questions (#'s 2,3) only consider Creekside as the subject (i.e. What might people learn about God's kingdom / the gospel when they observe Creekside?).
- 5. What does it mean to you that the all the "yous" in this teaching are plurals?

## Be Courageous (1:27b-30)

- 1. What does it mean to "stand firm"?
- 2. Why is it essential that we do this together?
- 3. How are we doing this at Creekside?
- 4. How might we do this more effectively?
- 5. What does it mean to "strive together"?
- 6. Why is it essential that we do this together?
- 7. How are we doing this at Creekside?
- 8. How might we do this more effectively?
- 9. How can "standing" and "striving" help us to be courageous together?

#### Be Humble (2:1-4)

- 1. What is meant by "intentional love"?
- 2. Why is intentional love seemingly so difficult?
- 3. In what ways can we work together to be more effective in our love for each other?
- 4. What is meant by "intentional purpose"?
- 5. Why is intentional purpose so essential?
- 6. How can we be more intentional at fulfilling our purpose together?
- 7. What is meant by "intentional sacrifice"?
- 8. How is "dying to self" essential for sacrificially looking out for each other's interests?
- 9. What makes "dying to self" seemingly so difficult?
- 10. This may sound a bit strange, but... How can we help each other to die?
- 11. How can we become more aware of each other's interests?

#### Processing all that...

#### Who's interests are you looking after?

Admittedly that's probably more of a take home and "wood shed" this with God question. However...

- 1. You might want to think through on a few "action steps" that you or the group can take to look after some of the "interests" that have been shared.
- 2. You might also want to take some time to pray for each other. You might want to also include some prayer for the courage to personally follow through on any action steps or decisions that have been made.