



Sermon Discussion Questions

For small group leaders or for a whole small group to use

“Faithful Examples to Follow” (Philippians 2:19-30) July 12, 2026 – Ryan Hallahan

Sermon Overview

Main Idea

Previously in Philippians, Paul challenges believers to “let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ” and “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others” (Phil 1:27, 2:4). He then shows how Jesus is the ultimate example of this but also highlights two fellow Christians who lived this out: Timothy and Epaphroditus. These two faithful servants embody Christ-like character as they are fully committed to the gospel and genuinely concerned for others. We are called to emulate this type of life and it is attainable in Christ.

Sermon Outline

1. Paul shares his desire to send them (Timothy and Epaphroditus)
2. Why he wants to send them
3. He commends both of them

Quotations:

“We need to have a steady diet of God’s Word, in order to grow in Christ-likeness.” – Ryan Hallahan

Discussion Questions

Read the Scripture Text (if the text is shorter, consider reading it together several times).

Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on? (See above to review the main point)
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most, and why? (Encourage several people to share)

Deeper Reflection on the Meaning and Implications

1. When you were growing up, did you idolize anyone? Maybe an athlete, musician, or celebrity. What was it that you were drawn to and why? How did your behavior change to be like them?
2. What types of things do you take risks on? What do you tend to go all out for? What occupies most of your time and money?
3. Read Ps 119:1-16, what happens if we read Scripture and start living the way God designed? Is it your goal to live like Timothy, Epaphroditus, and ultimately, Jesus Christ? How do we stack up to these godly men? What is one thing you can start doing to help you grow to be more like Christ? If you know someone who models Christ-like behavior, send them an encouraging note.
4. Consider doing the following: 1→ Saturate your life with God’s Word. Consider following a Bible reading plan or memorizing Scripture (ex: Psalm 1, Rom 12:1-2, Phil 2:1-13). 2→ Read books by trusted Christian authors and emulate their character.

Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or do in light of this sermon or discussion?