



Timothy: A genuine concern for the welfare of others (v.19-24)



Epaphroditus: Taking risks in our work for Christ (v.25-30)



Questions to think and pray through this week

A genuine concern for the welfare of others (Philippians 2:19-24)

What does Timothy staying loyal to Paul in Rome show us about Timothy's 'genuine concern' for others?

When we think of 'serving' Jesus and others, do we tend to think we can opt-in and opt-out again?

Look at the verses below. How did Jesus serve us like a slave? How does the word 'slave' alter the way we serve Jesus and each other?

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. (Luke 22:27)

'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.' (Mark 9:35)

Paul says that Timothy has "proved himself" in his godly character over a number of years (v.22). Why does it take time for our character to be proved genuine for others to see?

So, what does it mean to "show genuine concern" for other people's welfare in Christ's name (v.20)?

Taking risks in our work for Christ (Philippians 2:25-30)

Paul rated Epaphroditus so highly, calling him "my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier." How does this reflect true Gospel partnership between them?

How might our approach to church need to change so that our relationships can truly reflect what they are meant to be in Christ?

What risks did Epaphroditus take in order to serve Jesus? Did he fail in his mission by falling ill?

Can you think of a time when you took a risk for Jesus and what happened? Why do we often stay in our comfort zone as Christians?

Humility – Philippians 2

From Philippians chapter 2, how would you describe:

- a) What humility is, and
- b) How humble people live?