



UNITED IN SPIRIT AND MIND

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:4

GETTING STARTED

- Talk about a place where you have seen unity. It could be in a family, a ministry, maybe even a sports team. What were the elements that made that unity work?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter into your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passage aloud and note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What comes to mind for you when you think of a church that is united? What does that look like/not look like? What often causes division among diverse viewpoints and perspectives?
- Describe what suffering might look like in your life. Can suffering be more than physical hardships? Explain.
- In 1:30, What does Paul mean when he instructs his congregation to engage in the same conflict he had? How does one suffer for the Gospel exactly?
- In 2:3, what does it look like to have "humility of mind?" and to "regard one another as more important than yourself?"

WRAPPING UP

- What are some ways in which we or you individually are currently able to contribute to the unity of our church? Are some things a challenge? What are some ways in which we are able to regard others as more important than ourselves?