

### Memory Verse Philippians 1:27

*"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel".*

### Introduction

Are you the same person regardless of whether anyone is watching you or not? Why or why not?

### Discussion Questions

1. What qualities or practices do you consider indispensable for living a life worthy of Christ? Why? Can you find Bible verses to support your answer? Consider also Romans 12: 9-21.
2. What phrases in verse 27, speak to unity in the church? How would you explain each in your own words?
  - a) Why is unity such an important theme throughout this entire passage (verses 19-30)?
3. What does it look like to be "striving side by side for the faith of the gospel" (verse 27)? What are some specific ways you can be striving side by side - in your family, in your Small Group and in Harvest Niagara?

4. In verse 29, being “granted to you” sounds like a gift, and yet the second part of that gift seems to be “suffering for His sake”. What does this mean, and can we reconcile these concepts? See also Matthew 5:11; Acts 5:41; Romans 8:17; Philippians 3:10.

a) In what ways should we anticipate confrontation and conflict when we stand for Christ? How should we respond to it? (See 1 Peter 3:15; 2:20-23; 2 Corinthians 12:10)

b) Do you consider suffering for the sake of Christ to be a gift in your life, or is this suffering something you would rather avoid?

5. Let’s circle back to verse 28, which says that through all of this, we should, “not be frightened in anything by your opponents”. What gives Paul the confidence to say this, and gives us the confidence to believe this? Can you find Bible verses with God’s promises to us in this regard?

## Breakout

1. What is your biggest personal take-away in this lesson on spiritual integrity and unity? How will you strive for greater sanctification in this area? Be specific.
2. Pray for your breakout partners for the Holy Spirit’s help in seeing the desires from the question above come to fruition.