

STUDY 2. QUESTIONS

1. Name a person to whom you relate really well. What is it about them that forms the basis of your friendship?
2. **Read Philippians 1:15-18, 2:1-5, 14-15, 4:2-3.**
 - a. What do these verses have in common?
 - b. What do they tell us about the Philippian Church?
3. **Read Philippians 2:1-5**

Paul argues for unity. What is the starting and finishing point of his argument for unity within the church?
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 - a. Paul asks that the church be of “one mind.” Is he asking for the impossible?
 - b. Think of our church where the people have different age groups and different backgrounds. Could we possibly be of “one mind”?
5. Think about your family situation.
 - a. Would it be easy to be of “one mind”? Consider the differences related to gender, age groups, stepfamilies, single parent families. What struggles do you have with this concept of being of “one mind”?
 - b. Is it impossible to relate this concept to families?
6. **Note verses 3-4.**
 - a. Do these verses present an impossible standard? (Don’t people who give themselves in service to others become door mats! Aren’t those who try to please everyone eventually bound to fail?)
 - b. Do you know anyone who has come close to the qualities presented in verse 3?
7. In verse 3 Paul encourages “humility.” Discuss what you think that word means. (Isn’t humility the enemy of healthy self esteem? Is it true to say that others are better than us? Isn’t that putting ourselves down?)
8. **Read Philippians 2:14**
 - a. Why was it necessary for Paul to say this?
 - b. What does it tell us about human nature?
 - c. Why is it that some people end up in more conflict than others?
 - d. Are you one of those people?
9. **See Philippians 4:1-3**

What do you think may have been the problem with these two women?
10. **See Philippians 4:4, 8**

What do these verses have to do with relationships?
11. **See Philippians 2: 5-8**
 - a. What does this passage tell us about the example of Christ?
 - b. What are the key words in this passage?
 - c. What aspect is the greatest challenge to you personally?