

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 8, 2020



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Paul exhorts the church to live as worthy citizens of the Kingdom of God by standing firm together, striving in faith together, and suffering well together for the sake of the gospel.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What's the one thing ("only") that Paul wants the church to remember?
- What does it mean to be a good citizen of heaven while living on earth (verse 27; 3:20)? Are you living in a way that reflects the glory of King Jesus and your ultimate hope and trust in him?
- What is the basis of Christian unity? How do we *remain* firmly united (1 Corinthians 1:10; John 17:11)?
- What is the common purpose that the church labors for together (verse 27b)? Are you serving in a team or trying by yourself? In what ways can we strive together so that others will see the glory of Christ?
- How do we stand firm and courageous as we contend for the gospel (verse 28)? What does our fearless commitment to the gospel signify to the world (2 Corinthians 2:15)?
- Like belief, how is our suffering for Christ a gift of God's grace (verse 29)? Do you see suffering for the sake of the gospel as confirmation of God's love and assurance of your salvation (Acts 5:40-42)? How are we strengthened as we together share in suffering for Christ?