

# Sermon Reflections

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*Follow the Servants* (Philippians 2:19-30)

**Summary:** Follow examples of humble, Christ-like service. Such humility will unify the church and so advance the Gospel.

## Unite through Christ-like service by:

### 1. Genuine Care for Christ's people (vv.19-24)

- Paul makes a point of calling out strife in the Church – both on a corporate level (1 and 2 Corinthians) and on a personal level (Philippians 4:2-3). How does strife with other believers hurt the body as a whole?
- Is there any bitterness or conflict you have with a fellow member of Christ's body? Seek to resolve it with all haste. If you need help doing so, seek guidance from your Fellowship Group leader, an Elder, or even a wiser, older brother or sister in the church.
- Godly selflessness and care for each other are not merely words to be said, but actions to be carried out. In this unique time of social isolation, how can we show love and care to one another this week?

### 2. Sacrificial Commitment to Christ's Gospel (vv.25-30)

- What is your spiritual gifting? Although the contribution of Epaphroditus to Paul's ministry was limited in scope, Paul praised his work and help. *All* members of the Church are needed to contribute their God-given talents. No gift or service is insignificant – all are necessary. If you don't know what your gift/talent/service/ministry is, ask the Lord to reveal it to you through prayerful meditation.
- In your service, pursue with your whole heart! Remember Paul's words in Colossians 3:23-24. How can you be whole-hearted in making much of Christ? While this particular time presents challenges, it is an opportunity to be creative. Find at least one way to encourage or serve someone this week, whether a member of GBC, a friend outside the body, a family member, a neighbor, or someone in your community. May the Lord show you such opportunities and bless your efforts to glorify His great name.