

ReJOYce in the Lord
Life Group Questions – October 30, 2011
Pastor Steve – (Philippians 2:19-30)



Connect

1. If you had to turn over your business or personal affairs to one person outside of your family, who would you choose? Why?

Study

1. Why do you think the Bible speaks so often about the importance of friendship? Who are some of your favorite examples of friendships in the Bible (or favorite verses) and what can we learn from them today?

2. What makes a true friend in your opinion? Assuming the studies are correct, why is it becoming harder for us in America to make these kinds of friends?

3. Read Philippians 2:19-30. Even though there is no direct teaching in this passage, how can a passage like this help us understand Paul and the Philippians better?

4. As a group, write down each thing (characteristic) Paul states about 1. Timothy; 2. Epaphroditus.

5. What stands out to you about Timothy and Paul's relationship with him?

6. What stands out to you about Epaphroditus and Paul's relationship with him?

7. What characteristics do you look for in friendships?

8. Who has been a Timothy or Epaphroditus in your life? How?

9. Do you agree with Steve that your choice of friends may be "the second most important decision in your life"? Why or why not?

10. Are your friends pushing you towards Christ or pulling you away?

11. What do you need to do *today* to make the kind of friends who move you towards Christ?

Pray

How can you pray for each other this coming week? Share any prayer requests you might have together.