

Sermon Questions Philippians 2:19-30

This week we discussed significance and how we can truly experience our true significance in Christ. Many believers know that they should experience their deepest significance from Christ but are still trapped by the temptations in our world that encourage us to find our significance elsewhere. The attitude we should have towards significance should reflect our identity in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only with Christ at the center of our lives is it even possible to find significance in Him.

Please review the sermon notes below...

Our Attitude Towards Significance Philippians 2:19-30

Significance requires...

Submission that is rare (19-21)

- **Submission to spiritual leadership**
- **Submission to The Lord Jesus Christ and His agenda**

Service that is visible (22-25)

- **Service with a tested and proven track record**
- **Service with the commendation of those you serve**

Suffering that is celebratory (26-30)

- **Suffering as a result of the service you are providing**
- **Suffering as one who is willing to risk it all**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to connect with a group that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why is submission something that is so rare? What is the benefit of submission to spiritual leadership? How did Timothy and Epaphroditus demonstrate submission to spiritual leadership? How can you grow in your submission to spiritual leadership?
2. When Paul discusses that only Timothy will genuinely care for the people in Philippi, what does that communicate about other people who served with Paul? What is significant about the fact that Paul has no one else like Timothy? What

should we expect from other believers when we begin to walk closer with the Lord Jesus Christ?

3. What does it mean to be faithful, available, and teachable? Which of these three is most difficult for you and why? How might you pray right now for God to help you in these areas?
4. Why is a proven track record of service important? How does the Apostle Paul know that Timothy has a proven track record of service in Gospel ministry? What has Timothy done to demonstrate His love and service for the Gospel?
5. How does Paul speak about Timothy and Epaphroditus? Why does Paul's commendation mean so much? What do those closest to you say about your service to Jesus Christ? What may need to change in your life for those that you are serving to affirm your love in the Lord?
6. Think about the five titles Paul uses to address Epaphroditus. Which of these titles strikes a chord with you? Why? What does this tell you about how well Paul knew Epaphroditus? What does this tell you about relationships that form around Gospel ministry?
7. How did Epaphroditus suffer? Why was Epaphroditus distressed? What does that tell you about his character?
8. Why is suffering in our service to the Lord a guarantee? Why does the enemy hate it when we do things God's way?
9. How did Paul, Timothy, and Epaphroditus risk it all for the sake of the Gospel? Why is risking our lives such a counter-intuitive life? Why are these men worthy of honor?
10. When it comes to submission, service, and suffering, how did Jesus Christ model these three elements in His own life and ministry? How should your life be a reflection of the Lord Jesus Christ?
11. What specific ways did the Lord speak to you through this message, and how are you specifically going to respond?