

Read Philippians 2v19-30

When Paul says that 'Timothy has served with me in the work of the gospel,' what do you think that means? What is the work of The Gospel? (think about this in the context of what we have been discussing for the last 12 weeks in this letter)

Paul says in 2v21 For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. Do you find this to be true?

What do you think Paul is doing here?
Is this statement helpful?

When Paul says, 'I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.' What do you think he means by this? No one else?
Again; what is Paul doing here?

How does Paul's description of Timothy line up with the Christ Pattern that we see in Philippians 2v5-11?

From our discussion on Sunday morning do you remember anything about Timothy's background? How did this change the way in which you read Paul's description about Timothy? (one hint....duet 23v2 - The Word of God was very clear about someone like Timothy)

How does that sit with you?

Timothy's mother was Jewish and his father was Greek;
what did that mean for Timothy and his family?

According to II Timothy 1v15 who helped to shape the person that Timothy was becoming?

In Acts 16 it tells us that The Community of Faith had great respect for Timothy and his understanding of The Torah. What makes this such a powerful statement?

It seems like God uses the least, unlikely, underdogs, those on the outside, to do the work of the gospel in our world. Why do you think this theme is one of the dominant themes in Scripture? Do you see this?

How do you see this in our world today?

How would you go about describing a great leader?

Who would you consider to be the Timothy's in your life? (men and women)
Identify them. Share them with the group. How did you see the Christ Pattern in their lives?

Take some time to thank God for those men and women in your life who have helped you grow in Christ. Pray and give praise to our Father.