

“Receive with Joy”

Phil 2:19-30

(Pastor Bryan Chapell 11-06-2016)

Connect:

- 1) No matter how painful it is for the Cardinal fans among you, take a minute to talk about the Cubs winning the World Series. What was it like? How did you see people celebrate?

Discuss:

- 1) Read Phil. 2:19-30. Share what you learned from the passage and sermon about how we should respond to Christ’s victory?
- 2) In Phil 2:19-29 what does Paul share to communicate that we are to respond by loving beyond borders?
- 3) Communion helps us celebrate together, what we are and what we hold in common as brothers and sisters in Christ. What need do we have in common, what hope do we have in common, and what identity do we have in common? How can you further encourage and celebrate this unity in Christ this week?
- 4) Another way we are to respond to Christ’s victory is by giving beyond obligation. What value is there in giving beyond duty (2:30b) and despite risk (2:26-27; 30a)? Where have you seen such giving, personally?
- 5) Finally, we learn that we are to respond to Christ’s victory by serving beyond strength. Describe how we see this in the lives of Paul, Timothy, Epaphroditus, and the Philippians in this passage. How did they serve with so little? (2:19,24,29,30)
- 6) What does Christ’s victory mean to you? How has God stirred your heart to respond in celebration today?

Partner:

**Consider dividing up your group (men with men; women with women) for this section.

1. Share and pray for any prayer requests you have.
2. Commit to praying for these requests throughout the week.