

ROAD TO JOY: A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS
THE JOY OF STRIVING TOGETHER, PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30

LEARNING THE WORD

1. Read Philippians 1:27-30. What stands out to you? What's the big idea?
2. How are these verses connected to what we've studied previously in Philippians? What shift takes place at the beginning of verse 27?
3. In verse 27, Paul tells the Philippians that the one thing he wants them to do is to be united on mission together. Was it surprising to you that this was the most important thing Paul asked them to do for him? Why or why not?
4. In verses 28-30, Paul tells the Philippians to remain confident in the face of opposition and suffering. What are the reasons he gives for their ability to have confidence?

LIVING THE WORD

5. What are some ways our culture pressures us to live by a certain standard in Edmond that may or may not be in line with the gospel? What are some ways we can live by a heavenly standard in Edmond?
6. What types of things lead to disunity among Christians? What would it look like in your life to look beyond those differences and keep the mission of making disciples the main thing?
7. We've seen over and over again in Philippians that Paul sees the church not as a social gathering, but as a group of people living on mission together. How does this play out practically for you? What changes do you need to make to better live this out?
8. How have you seen your joy impacted by living on mission with other Christians?
9. How can this passage give you confidence when you experience opposition or suffering that is a direct result of your faith?