



CIBC Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this week's sermon at Cayman Islands Baptist Church. For more information on life groups and other discipleship opportunities at CIBC, please visit www.cibaptist.ky.



Get the Picture

-Title: “Joy In Unity”

-Series/Text: Joy Under Construction – Phil. 2:5

-Date: Sept. 6, 2020

-Speaker: Pastor Randy

-Main Idea: There is joy in loving one another in unity, living like Christ and shining like stars.



Group Discussion

a) Connect

- 1) **Commit:** Before you begin, agree as a group that you will commit to having an honest discussion about this text without casting any judgment or sharing any unsolicited advice.
- 2) **Read:** Read **Psalm 139:23-24** out loud before you pray to begin the discussion.
- 3) **Pray:** Pray over the group and ask the Lord to “*Search your heart*” and reveal idols that are keeping you from receiving truth.

b) Engage

- 1) **Read:** Read Philippians chapter 2 and look for major themes that stand out. How do these themes help you understand the chapter as a whole?
- 2) **Discuss:** What does Paul mean by “encouragement in Christ?” Why is this encouragement the place where Paul starts with teaching about humility?
- 3) **Discuss:** Verses 2-5 speak to our identity in Christ. Observe the text...what characteristics does Paul say identifies a group of believers...more specifically a local church. Why is it important that your life gives evidence of these character traits? Follow up: does your group look like this? How?
- 4) **Discuss:** In verses 6-8 Paul connects the attitude he wants us to display (cited in verses 2- 5) with the attitude and actions of Christ. Look at the actions of Christ to see what attitude Christ is displaying. Why is it important for Paul to connect our attitude and actions to the actions of Christ?
- 5) **Discuss:** Why is humility such a valuable character quality in Scripture?

c) Apply

- 1) **Consider:** Joy is found in unity not uniformity. Humility paves the way to unity.
- 2) **Respond:** “LUV” is a great way to preserve unity in the body of Christ. Listen, understand and validate one another. If you want to have unity don’ always think about what you want to say, listen to others respectfully and then go to the Scripture together with Christ like humility.

d) Pray

- 1) **Silent Prayer:** Enter into a time of silence to allow God to speak to you in response to everything you discussed today. Listen for areas where He may be telling you He wants you to step out in obedience.
- 2) **Group Prayer:** After a time of silence, close out the study with a group prayer for God’s grace to have joy together in the bonds of unity.



Going Deeper

- 1) **Joy In Unity at CIBC:** Find a way this week to esteem or put someone other brother or sister above yourself in word, thought or deed.