

## **“On a Joy Ride: A Trip Through Philippians”**

### **Philippians 2: 19-30**

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1. This section of Philippians seems like an odd detour from the grand joy passages we have been reading up until now. What do you think is the significance of these verses?
2. Who comes to mind when you think of people in your life who have been true partners or companions in a shared work? What characteristics did they possess that made them this way?
3. What are the traits Paul attributes to Timothy that reflect his genuine partnership in ministry?
4. How might mentoring others and/or being mentored produce joy?
5. The only time joy is mentioned in this section is in verse 29. What might it look like to welcome someone with joy?
6. When have you been welcomed with joy? What was that experience like for you? Choose one or two others in your life who you might intentionally work to welcome into your daily life with joy. What would that look like for you?

Close your time by first giving thanks for the people who have partnered with you in ministry and life. Then pray specifically by name for the one or two who you are being prompted to extend joyful welcome to.