

Joy of Ministry

Philippians 2:19-30

1. Timothy as a _____ man, v 20
True servants are _____ and
_____ towards others.
2. Timothy as a _____ man, v 21
J _____ first; O _____ second;
Y _____ last.
3. Timothy as a _____ man , v 22
4. Epaphroditus as a _____ man, v 25
5. Epaphroditus as a _____ man, v 26
“Distressed” refers to great _____
6. Epaphroditus as a _____ man, v 29-30
“Risked” means to stake _____

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. Growing up, who was your role model as a child? Why? Who are the role models for most Australian children today? What does that say about us as a nation? If you could choose role models for your own children or for yourself, whom would you choose and why?
2. Paul's selfless service brought him joy. Does selflessness bring joy? Why or why not? Does selfishness bring sadness? If so, why is it so hard to let go of the 'self'? Is it possible to escape the trap of selfishness in our society? How can the church help? Is the church itself ever caught in the trap?
3. Does suffering always come with discipleship? Why or why not? Have you ever suffered for the cause of Christ? If so, in what ways?
4. Review the J.O.Y. acronym . When do you find it easy to put others first? When do you find it difficult to put others first? Should we always put others first? Share with your group practical ways in which we exercise J.O.Y?
5. Read Philippians 1:21 and 2:21. Which verse best describes your life? Explain your answer.