

LG DISCUSSION LIFEGROUPS GUIDE

Use these questions in your Life Group gatherings or for further discussion as a family.

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SERMON RECAP

Believers are called to honor and encourage those who serve, especially when ministry takes unexpected turns or ends sooner than planned. Using the illustration of a Formula 1 team, Joel reminded us that both front-line ministers and behind-the-scenes workers are essential to God's mission.

THE LEAD IN

- Using Joel's F1 example from Sunday morning, if you had to be part of a Formula 1 team, would you rather be the driver in the cockpit or the pit crew in the garage? Why?

GETTING INTO THE TEXT

- Read Philippians 2:19-30. Looking at Timothy and Epaphroditus, what stands out to you about the way Paul speaks of them? What do the titles *brother*, *fellow worker*, and *fellow soldier* communicate about their relationship and ministry?
- In your own words, how would you explain the difference between a *fellow worker* and a *fellow soldier* in gospel ministry? Where do you think your current ministry role might fit on that spectrum?

GOING DEEPER

- Why do you think Paul goes to such lengths to affirm and honor Epaphroditus when sending him home? What might have happened if Paul hadn't done that?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. How does this instruction compare to Paul's call to "receive [Epaphroditus] in the Lord with all joy" in Philippians 2:29?
- Tell us about someone who made a significant impact in your life. What's a practical way you could encourage, affirm, or honor them this week?

PRAYER

- Take some time as a group to thank God for the people who have served you and LEFC faithfully. Ask God to show you who to honor this week and the courage to do so.