

# Serving and Struggling Together Discussion Questions

Philippians 1:27-30

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1. What are some ways that a Christian is expected to conduct himself/herself? Why is he/she expected to act that way?
2. In what ways does the way we act speak louder than our words? Does this mean that we don't need to use words if we live a godly life? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean to be a citizen of Heaven?
4. What are some things God has done for you? In what way does your life reflect your appreciation for what He has done?
5. What does an unworthy manner of life look like?
6. What conclusions would unbelievers make about Jesus based solely on your life?
7. Who would you say has made a huge impact for Christ by the way they lived? Why? Would anyone say that you have made a huge impact? Why or why not? What is the difference between the two lives?
8. What were the benefits of soldiers standing side by side with shields up and spears out? What benefits do we as Christians have when we stand side by side and work together?
9. Why is division so destructive to anyone trying to work together on something? Why is it especially destructive to Christianity?
10. What are some examples of striving together with other Christians trying to win others to Christ?
11. Read Philippians 1:28. Why aren't we to be frightened of our opponents? Are you frightened of them? Why or why not? What would give you courage to stand up to them and proclaim the gospel?
12. Do you feel like you are being opposed? Why or why not? What does it mean if you are not being opposed because of your beliefs?
13. How do we usually feel about the opposition that we face? How do we feel when things are going smoothly with our plans? Is this the correct way to think about it? Why or why not?
14. How do you feel about learning that suffering is part of God's grace to you? How is suffering a gift?
15. Reads Acts 5:41. What was the disciples' perspective of suffering? Do you have the same perspective? Why or why not?
16. How does suffering bring glory to God? How does suffering bring about our ultimate good?