

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

WORTH IMITATING



Light Bulb

Read 1 Cor. 11:1—Why do people in New England share the same accent? What about people in the South? Why do they have Southern accents? Let's step it up a notch: Why are parents concerned about their children having the right friends? So, how then shall new Christians learn to think Christianly and live Christianly? Why is more often caught than taught? List as many synonyms as possible for the word "follow" me as I "follow" Christ (ie- imitate).

Read Phil. 2:19-30. How is Phil. 2:19-30, the perfect conclusion for what Paul has been covering in Phil. 2 (have this mind...work out your salvation...)? While he is unable to see the Philippians, Paul is concerned to establish and reinforce good models. Who should the Philippians follow? How does Paul refer to Timothy and Ephaphroditus (titles)? Why does Paul believe Timothy is worthy to be sent to the Philippians (cf. 2 Tim. 3:10-11)? Timothy shares what attitude with Paul? Then there is Ephaphroditus. Who is he (Phil. 4:18)? What is his connection to the Philippians? What qualities are worth emulating in his life?



Questions



Cross

Read Phil. 2:5-11. Timothy and Ephaphroditus are not just following Paul but Jesus. How is Christ the prime example of being interested in other's well being?

So whom will you follow? What contemporary Christians will serve you well as good models?

In Phil. 2:25-30. Paul and Ephaphroditus walk a razor's edge. What's the difference between genuine concern for others, which is good, and worry, which is wrong?

Paul, Timothy, and Ephaphroditus are all "missionaries." How has who they were, what they did, and how they felt challenged your perception of missions?



Talk Bubble



Arrow

Read Phil. 2:19-25. It's great the apostle can say these men have proven worth, a self-sacrificial attitude, and service to promote the gospel and your good. But what would the Apostle Paul say about you?

Interact with the comment, "A non-serving Christian is a contradiction in terms." How are you serving Christ?

Read. Phil. 2:29. Paul concludes with what exhortation? How will you obey these commands?