

5. How can these words - and character traits - shape our prayers for one another and for the church? Take time to pray for one another with these goals in mind.

**The Conduct of Citizens**  
**Philippians 2:1-4**  
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**Digging Deeper (for further study):**

6. What does this text teach me about how I am to think about *myself*?

1. The Appeal (v. 1)

How can I apply this text to an others-centered approach without demeaning or degrading myself?

2. The Approach (v. 2)

How can a passage such as Romans 12 (especially verses 3-5) help us to understand our own place in the overall work of the body of believers?

7. How do these texts (Philippians 2 and Romans 12) show us the importance of *every* believer playing an *active* role in the life of the body?

3. The Action (v. 3)

#### 4. The Admonition (v. 4)

What is the connection between unity and joy? How do we develop that connection further?

3. How do selfishness and conceit hinder unity in the church? (In what ways have you seen this happen?)

How does the gospel apply the cure for selfishness, conceit and disunity?

### **Message-Based Discussion Questions**

1. As you reflect on the message, what was one observation, application, or insight that stood out to you?

2. Read Philippians 2:1-4, the text from this week's message. Paul makes clear the sort of attitudes and actions from the church in Philippi that will "make his joy complete." Looking at these characteristics one by one, what can they be practically lived out among us?

Considering Paul's audience, what do these characteristics look like when believers are undergoing suffering or hardship?

### **Practicing It Together:**

4. How do unselfishness, humility, and looking out for the interests of others run against the grain of how we might typically think and act?

What practical steps must we take to allow these traits to impact how we interact as brothers and sisters in Christ?

What are the specific challenges we face when we begin to live in this way?