

#FIGHTFORIT

A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

Week 5 | #fightforit | May 1

Key Focus: #fightforit by honoring the right people.

Opening Up:

- What is the highest honor you have been given?
- What does being honorable mean to you?
- Do you think Americans honor the dishonorable and dishonor the honorable? How so?
- Who is the most honorable person you know? Explain.

Reference: Philippians 2:19-30

Discuss:

1. In 2:29 we see that we should honor certain people. Have you ever honored someone who was dishonorable in your life, or honored a dishonorable request? How did it go?
2. In 2 Timothy 1:15, Paul calls out two dishonorable people. Why is it important to draw attention to dishonorable behavior and people?
3. In 2:20 Paul describes Timothy as being honorable because he is genuinely concerned about others. In contrast, dishonorable people are only concerned with themselves. Who in your life is “genuinely concerned” about others? What qualities about them enable their concern for others?
4. It is important that we not take all of our advice from or honor people who do not have a history of honoring Jesus or loving others in their life. Timothy had proven himself worthy (2:22). What is hard about finding a proven mentor in life? Have you ever had a great mentor? Explain.
5. How can you identify someone who is seeking the interest of Jesus? (2:21)
6. What can we do to better honor those brothers and sisters who have been sent by the Jesus and his church?
7. What can you learn about the personality of Epaphroditus in 2:16? Epaphroditus is concerned that the church is concerned about him. Do you know anyone who is like this?
8. In 1 Corinthians 11:1 Paul says that we should imitate him as he is like Jesus. Can you say this about yourself? Do you think you will every be able to? Who can say this about themselves in your life?
9. Pray.