



Study of Philippians

*The house church at Philippi
and beyond
with the women who led there.*

*“Grace and peace to you from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Table 3

Philippians 2

Sometimes unity feels like an unattainable goal. Read and discuss unity with others.

Philippians 2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being **united with Christ**, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete **by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.** **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

I find myself desperate for the koinonia which is what's described in these verses. We can have this unity/fellowship with one another because we have it with Christ. Read 1 John 1:6-7

Putting others first is the mark of our faith. All rebellion against God corresponds with a disregard for others. Read Philippians 2:5-11. Contrast Satan trying to ascend with Jesus descending.

Pride versus Humility

Share an example of when you have seen someone demonstrate extraordinary humility? Do you see a difference when you focus on others' needs rather than your needs?

Mountain versus Valley

Philippians 2:12-18 is the practical Christianity that follows the mountain top revelation of Christ. *There is no point to the mountain top experience unless it is worked out in the valley.*

Grumbling versus Shining

“Do everything **without** grumbling or arguing”...means we are to be in submission to God. Arguing is from a Greek word which we get our word **dialogue** from. Our internal dialogue affects the way we shine before a “warped and crooked generation.” What changes can you make to fine tune your internal dialogue?

