

Growth Group Questions

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Ice breaker: when you were young, who were your role models / inspirations?

Read Philippians 2:19-30

1. Take a moment to clarify the travel logistics that Paul is describing here.
Don't spend long on this, just make sure you know what's going on.
(e.g. Epaphroditus will come first, bringing this letter; Timothy will come later)
2. What do we learn about Timothy in verses 20-22? How does his example inspire you? How does it challenge you?
3. * Why might Epaphroditus seem like a bit of a failure? How does Paul honour him (v25)?
4. How might Pappy be an example to us?
5. * This passage shows us that Christianity is about *ordinary* people, doing *practical* things for Jesus, in the *mess* of real life. Why is this important to remember? What goes wrong when we forget this?
6. Think about who you look up to at church. Are there Christ-like servants at Riverbank that you can honour and imitate? (You may choose to keep these thoughts private, or you may choose to publicly honour someone in particular and explain how they inspire you to be more Christ-like.)
7. Have you ever thought about meeting up with a young person at church, to get to know them, encourage them, and pray together? What might hold you back from doing this?

Pray together.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Give thanks for the Christ-like servants in our church
- Pray that we would be encouraged and inspired to keep growing in our faith
- Pray that we would learn how to live selflessly and sacrificially for Jesus
- Pray that our young people would grow up with godly role models

* You could skip this question if you're pushed for time.