



Sermon Questions

March 8th, 2026 | Scripture: Philippians 4:1-3 – Joyful Unity

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of unity throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 12:1-3
- John 17:20-26
- Acts 2:5-11
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Ephesians 4:1-6
- Revelation 7:9-12

Core Questions

1. What stands out to you in Philippians 4:1-3?
2. How does our cultural moment talk about unity today? How is that different from Christian unity?
3. What core truths of the gospel unite Christians even when we disagree about other things?

Inward Grace in Action

1. What secondary issues do Christians sometimes treat like essentials (worship styles, traditions, politics, etc.)?

Outward Grace in Action

1. How should remembering that fellow believers' "names are in the book of life" shape the way we handle conflict?
2. Which aspect of pursuing unity is hardest for you: remembering what binds us, putting others first, dealing with conflict directly, or helping each other when it gets hard.
3. What conflict or tension in your life might God be calling you to address in order to pursue greater unity?

Scripture Memory Challenge:

*During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize **Philippians 2:5-11**. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.*

*Serve: **Join us** in welcoming many new guests to our church **this Easter!** There are many tangible ways for you to jump in:*

- Do you enjoy welcoming others? Consider serving as an **usher**.
- Do you enjoy working behind the scenes? Consider serving on our **clean up and coffee table teams**.
- Do you enjoy kids? Consider serving in the **nursery**.

Sign up to serve at:

mcleanpres.org/easterserve.

Look Ahead: Next week we will take a break from our study of Philippians for our annual missions Sunday. The scripture passage will be Luke 24:1-12 where we will see how the gospel leads us to witness with hope!

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children what it means to be on the same team? Do teammates have to look exactly alike? Do they have to like all the same things? Do they have to play the sport or game the same way? What unites them together?
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Explain that in our passage two women in the church were having a disagreement. Paul reminds them that they belong to the same family of God. Just like teammates are united by a common goal, Jesus unites all Christians together. Even though Christians might have different preferences, cultures, and traditions Jesus died to bring us onto the same team and into the same family of God.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Just like being on the same team or in the same family can be hard sometimes, take time to pray together. Ask the Lord to help your family to look past the differences of others to see the unity that you have in Christ. Then pray that the Lord would help your family reconcile with anyone you need to reconcile with, and that he would help others to do the same in love.