



United Unfrightened Fighters for Gospel Faith

Philippians 1:27-30

Big Idea: Live out your gospel citizenship as a united, unfrightened fighter for the faith.

Outline:

1. Live Out Who You Are in the Gospel

- 1) A Summary Command
- 2) Live Out Your Gospel Citizenship
- 3) Live Up to Your Gospel Identity

2. As a United, Unfrightened Fighter for the Faith

- 1) Fighting for the Faith through Striving and Suffering
- 2) United Side-by-Side with Other Christians
- 3) Unfrightened by Opponents

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some privileges and responsibilities of being an American citizen?
What are some privileges and responsibilities of being a “gospel citizen?”
2. Most of the time, we are “proud to be an American” as the Philippians were likely proud of their Roman citizenship. Are you eager to be recognized as a gospel citizen...or are there any times you are hesitant to admit that you are a Christian? Do the people around you (neighbors, work colleagues, friends) know that you are a Christian?
3. What does it mean to “live worthy” of the gospel? And how is that different from “earning” the gospel’s blessings?
4. What are some ways in which the Christian life involves “striving,” “struggling,” and “fighting”?
5. How would you resolve the tension between passages that describe the Christian life in terms of rest and blessing (Matthew 11:28-30) and those that characterize it in terms of discipline and sacrifice (2 Timothy 2:1-7).
6. How should we expect to encounter suffering for Christ in our modern-day western context? In what ways will it be similar and different to how 1st century Christians suffered for their faith?
7. Do you think people expect us to be flustered by mocking and attacks against our faith? What does it communicate when we remain unafraid of their opposition?