

**Potential Discussion Questions**  
**Message: Engage JOY, Pt 12 (7-2-17)**  
**The Gospel-worthy Life (Phil. 1:27-30)**

1. Have you ever lived with a sense of performance-based love? What was it like? Why do people in that situation rarely, if ever, feel worthy of love?

Contrast that with what it means to live *in a manner worthy of the gospel*? Why do you think Christians sometimes feel like they have to be worthy of (to earn) God's love? (i.e., describe in your own words the difference between "being worthy" and "living in a worthy manner".)

2. Do you think of yourself as worthy or unworthy? Why?
3. Why is living "in a manner worthy of the gospel" appropriately described as "living up to the family name"? Can you think of another analogy?
4. How do we practically "preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"? How do we undermine or destroy this unity?
5. What does it look like to *stand firm with one spirit & mind, striving for the faith of the gospel*? What does this require of us as local church participants?
6. When have you experienced the greatest opposition to the gospel? What causes us to be intimidated? What keeps us from living in a state of *alarm* (intimidation)?
7. How do you respond to Paul's statement that we are *granted* (graced) to suffer? In your prayer time, consider including a time of prayer for the persecuted church.
8. What in this study gives you the most to think about? What will you do with it this week?
9. How would you like others to pray for you in regard to this text?