

Potential Discussion Questions
Message: Engage JOY, Pt 13 (7-9-17)
Relational Joy Through Unity (Phil. 2:1-4)

1. Share a time when selfishness got the best of you. Think about some lessons you have learned in facing and overcoming your selfish tendencies and share them.
2. How have you seen God creatively use your life situation to teach you a transforming truth?
3. How would you connect and explain the 4 stated provisions (v 1) and 4 stated applications (v 2)? Which of these resonates most with you?
4. Review the 2 equations presented based upon vs 1-2. What do these teach us about unity in our relationships (for both physical and spiritual family)?
5. Some suggest a model of maturity that moves from dependence to independence to interdependence. How would you describe the difference? Have you observed this? How does this passage address each part and where does it aim us?
6. Do you remember a specific time where you had a "crisis moment" in coming to grips with your self-centered tendencies? Where do you currently struggle most with looking out for yourself rather than the interests of others? How does selfishness destroy unity?
7. How does this passage balance concern for your own needs while considering the interests of others ahead of your own? What have you learned that helps you? What does this passage add to the discussion? What is the significance of "*regard*" in this discussion (v 3)?
8. Talk through the EYES suggested to help practice this instruction. What is most helpful? What might you add that you think would help others in this journey?
9. What in this study gives you the most to think about? What will you do with it this week? How would you like others to pray for you in regard to this text?
10. Suggestion: download the song Ryan prepared (on the webpage with the message) & listen to it meditatively. What strikes you? (This also bridges to next week's message.)