

“Struggle Well” ***Philippians 1:27-30***

Why is it important to “Struggle Well”?

Truth, Faith, Right is constantly under attack and being pushed farther away from God. “Christianity is one generation from extinction.” It is not that the world will not change but how we respond and impact that change. ***2 Timothy 2:1-7***

How then do we “Struggle well”?

Consistency V.27

“Life worthy of the Gospel” – What you believe about God should be evident in your life. No one should wonder whether you are a Christian. Live the truth and the truth will be revealed. ***2 Corinthians 3:1-3***

Cooperation V.27

“Striving together” – *Sunathleo* – Striving together as athletes - Unity. One team, one body, one mind with no division. ***Acts 5:1-11***

Confidence V.28-30

Assurance of Salvation – Conflicts mean we are in the game playing on the team, even players that are resting or on the bench know the score.

2 Corinthians 3:12-15

Privilege – Suffer for His sake. ***John 15:18-25***

Shared conflicts – Others are suffering just as we are. ***John 17:14-22***

Grow in Christ – Suffering produces growth. ***Romans 5:3-5***

Application / Notes

Discussion Questions

In what ways can you be consistent in your struggles?

In what ways can you cooperate with others in your struggles?

In what ways can you have confidence in your struggles?

Homework

Read *Philippians 2:1-11*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Identify one way that you "struggled well" this week and how you were consistent, cooperative and confident in that.