

w/b 23rd June 2019

THEME: TRANSFORMATION - NEW FRIENDSHIPS - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30

LAUNCH

What are the 3 most important qualities in friendship? Explain your answer

Think of a famous historical, literary, film, sporting or even cartoon friendship. What are the key aspects of the friendship?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

As you read through the passage, what qualities of friendship stand out to you in how Paul relates to Epaphroditus and Timothy?

'Friendship is at the heart of Christianity' (A life worth living). Do you agree or disagree?

Jesus doesn't call us servants or slaves but friends (quoted in Ken's sermon). How does this viewpoint change the way we should be doing things with him and for him?

'Our society with its over emphasis on sexual relationships often undervalues the God-given provision of close friendship' Agree or disagree? Why or why not?

CS Lewis also suggests that in the modern world, friendship is no longer valued and is being squeezed out by other priorities (including possibly technology). Do you agree or disagree?

The word Epaphroditus apparently means 'to gamble'. It has been suggested that Epaphroditus was willing to gamble his health, well being and possibly even his life to serve Paul. Who is God calling you to make sacrifices for this week?

APPLICATION – Pray for opportunities to serve one another and deepening relationships over the next weeks & months.

A Life worth living study questions by David Stone is the basis material for this study. Some questions amended.