

Community Group Questions Nov 29, 2020

What's in a Greeting?—Accepting One Another Matters Phil 4:21–23

Kicking Things Off

- In a very personal, vulnerable and authentic way, speaking of his own presidency at Biola, Dr. Corey in chapter 3 of *Love Kindness* shares how our egos can get in the way of God's calling in our lives and drive us to unhealthy extremes. Deep down we all crave acceptance. So many times we think either too highly of ourselves or too lowly of ourselves. How does God's view of us seen in the gospel free us from this bondage?
- How does having a right view (God's view) of ourselves help us to walk in true humility?
- How does that help people "smell the aroma" of the gospel?
- Did chapter 4 make you feel uncomfortable? Why or why not?
- How is it possible to be kind with those who disagree with us, especially when they are wrong?
- Discuss the idea of having a firm center and soft edges. How does this work?
- Jesus got slammed for having dinners with tax collectors, prostitutes and "sinners." We are called to reach out and love sinners as Christ loved them. How do we do that well?
- How does listening open up the doors for gospel conversations?

Getting Into It

Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17

- Remind your CG people that even the greeting in Phil 4:21-23 is profitable for our life of faith.
- Discuss with your group what is actually behind a greeting like the one we looked at on Sunday? Why would it be important to Christ that we do this? What might it signify? Read Romans 15:7

Read Phil 4:21

- Forrest brought out that the first phrase in this verse "Greet every saint" is the only place in the New Testament where "saint" is used in the singular instead of "saints" plural.
- Why did he think that was significant? (he emphasized the importance of each individual to God and the importance of each person at The Fields).

The Parting Shot

Read the final blessing in Phil 4:23 (see also Phil 1:2)

- In what sense is "Grace" the story of each of our lives? Do you see any connection between the grace we have received in Christ and the call to greet one another?