

# Philippians: To live is Christ.

## Session 11: Honour such people (Phil. 2:25-30)

**Scriptures:** Phil. 1:27-2:30 (esp. 2:25-30); 4:18; Eph. 2:14; Col. 1:13; 2 Tim. 2:3-4.

1. Who does Paul provide as examples of those who live their lives looking out for others' interests? (2:24)
2. What was Epaphroditus called to do? In which way does Paul commend him? In which way does Paul compliment him? (see 2:25-30; 4:18)
3. Why was it such a big thing for Paul to call Epaphroditus 'my brother' (2:25)? In which ways did Steve illustrate this (breaking down of division) in the contemporary world?
4. Paul called Epaphroditus a 'co-worker' (2:25). Why is that such an accolade? In which way might this truth apply to us all today? What does this reveal about Paul?
5. Paul also refers to Epaphroditus as a 'fellow soldier' (2:25). Thinking of the attributes of a soldier how does this metaphor relate to Epaphroditus? In which way might this metaphor apply to our lives today? Please be down-to-earth and practical.
6. Apart from serving Paul, how else does Epaphroditus reveal that he 'looking out for the interests of others'?
7. Paul says that we are to honour such people as Epaphroditus. What does this mean? Which might be the best way of honouring them?