

Disciples Church

Joy in Uncertainty <> Philippians 2:19-30

Week of June 28, 2017

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

1. What is the stand-out quality in Timothy that Paul finds so rare and so important?
2. Share some ways that God has caused you to grow in your concern for your brothers and sisters in Christ.
3. Consider your level of maturity in regards to your concern for the church and the thing’s of Christ. What are some steps you could take to grow in your spiritual maturity, specifically in this area?
4. The root of Timothy’s excellence stems from his heart for the things of God. How are our affections and our actions connected or related to each other?

Is there anything we can do that will increase our affections for God?

1. In what way can anxiety be understood as a positive character trait?
2. If being anxious, that is – having great concern, can be a positive thing in some cases, why are we commanded not to be anxious for anything in Philippians 4:6?
3. How does the gospel effect both kinds of anxiety? Hint: it increases one and decreases the other.
4. What kinds of things tend to cause you the most concern? What are some ways tonight’s passage helps you steward your concerns more joyfully?
5. What was Paul’s remedy for handling uncertainty in life?
6. How does our western culture view certainty? Do they see certainty as a positive attribute in a person?
7. How can our certainty in the gospel and the promises of God be wielded in a sinful attitude of arrogance?
8. Spend some time for prayer and repentance for anything that the Lord may be pressing on you tonight. Pray for Disciples church to grow in our maturity and obedience to the gospel.