

Bible Study - Winter 2022:

The Letter of Paul to the Philippians

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . . Philippians 1:2

Lesson Two: January 24, 2022

Opening Prayer and Candlelighting

Study Suggestion: (perhaps in several versions of the Bible)

Read the second chapter of the letter as if it is written to y/our church, noting Paul’s concerns. Pray for insight as you do.

Discussion Questions:

How do you define humility? When you think of humility, who comes to your mind? How are humility and obedience linked together? How about humility and unity?

Second Lesson: Chapter Two (Outline)

Philippians 2: 1-4 “Make my joy complete” . . .

How does Paul ask his friends to do this? What is his major concern?

Philippians 2: 5-11 Jesus is our example.

How does he exemplify humility and obedience?

Philippians 2:12-18 “Shine like Stars” . . .

How is your light shining – in your life, in your church ...?

Is it a twinkle or a nova? How can you help it burn more brightly?

Philippians 2:19 -24 How did Timothy prove himself to Paul?

Philippians 2:25-30 Why is Paul sending Ephaphroditus home?

Reflections and Discussion

What is Paul saying to you? What gives you encouragement? Insight? What attitudes need changing? What can we do for our church, our families, and ourselves that will give Paul and through him, Christ, the joy that makes us all complete?

Closing Prayers