



MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Title: What should church look like?

Texts: Philippians 4:2-23

Big Idea: When we play our part, we reflect Jesus to the world.

1. When we play our part, we reflect Jesus to the world.

2. When we fight for unity, we reflect Jesus' love for his church.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her

Philippians 4:2-3 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I also ask you, true partner, to help these women who have contended for the gospel at my side, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the book of life.

3. When we renew our minds, we reflect Jesus' presence in our lives.

Philippians 4:4-5 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:6-7 Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

For more on worry and anxiety, check out this message from our Fear Not series (May 11, 2025 message): [Finding Peace When You're Anxious](#)

Philippians 4:8-9 Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things. ⁹ Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

4. When we give joyfully, we reflect Jesus' sufficiency for our needs.

Philippians 4:10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly because once again you renewed your care for me. You were, in fact, concerned about me but lacked the opportunity to show it.

Philippians 4:11-12 I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself. ¹²I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need.

Philippians 4:13 I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:18 But I have received everything in full, and I have an abundance. I am fully supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you provided—a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

5. When we share the gospel with others, we reflect Jesus' heart for the lost.

Philippians 4:22 All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.

Who is God sending you to?

1. Pray
2. Invest
3. Invite



MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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LOOK BACK (5-10 MINUTES)

Open your group with a moment to **connect** and look back.

1. How is everyone doing? Did anything notable happen this week?
2. Did anything in the reading for this week impact you?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (30-45 MINUTES)

We're in a study of **Philippians**, a letter written by the Apostle Paul from a prison cell. This letter is a powerful picture of a life fully centered on Jesus—where every circumstance, every relationship, and every decision is shaped by one defining reality: Jesus is everything. **Philippians** invites us out of a life of observation and into a life of participation. It calls us to reorient everything around Jesus—to say with Paul, "For me, to live is Christ." And as we do, we discover that this kind of life isn't a burden—it's where real joy is found. This week, we are in **Philippians 4:2-23**, and the big idea is: **When we play our part, we reflect Jesus to the world.**

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Have someone read **Philippians 4:2-3**. Paul urges two coworkers in the gospel, Euodia and Syntyche, to resolve their disagreement and asks the church to help them. Why does fighting for unity among believers serve as such a vital witness of Jesus' love for his church, and how can personal disagreements compromise that witness?
2. Have someone read **Philippians 4:6-9**. Paul tells the church to replace worry with prayer and thanksgiving, and to deliberately fix their minds on whatever is true, honorable, pure, and commendable. How does choosing to guard and renew our thought life reflect the reality of Jesus' presence and peace within us?
3. Have someone read **Philippians 4:11-13** and **4:18-19**. **Verse 13** is often quoted about achieving personal victories, but Paul speaks here about having the strength to *endure* both lack and abundance. How does learning true contentment in Christ free us to be generous and trust God to supply all our needs?
4. The sermon highlights that what we dwell on fundamentally shapes how we live. What is one specific thought or habit in your thought life where you need to **grow** by intentionally choosing prayer, thanksgiving, and praiseworthy focus?
5. Have someone read **Philippians 4:22** and **Luke 19:10**. Even within Caesar's household, the gospel bore fruit and created saints. Following the model to pray, invest, and invite, how can you **go** to someone in your relational sphere this week to reflect Jesus' heart to seek and save the lost?

CLOSE AND PRAY (5-10 MINUTES)

As the discussion comes to a close, transition to a time of prayer. Praying together is one of the best ways for your group to **connect**. Often, splitting into smaller groups for prayer can be beneficial. This can look many different ways, but the goal is for your group to be comfortable praying together, sharing what is really going on in your lives, and asking God to work as you follow Jesus together.