

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements
Week of 1/30/22

Sermon Discussion Questions | [Philippians 2:19-30](#)

The sermon called us to consider what we do when God gives us what we need, but not necessarily what we want. We're often looking for the best option (like Timothy) and disappointed with the ordinary option (like Epaphroditus). But the ordinary option may be exactly what we need to see God at work in our lives and to put more of our real hope in *him*, rather than in ourselves or anything that's not God. So, the sermon encouraged us to embrace the ordinary 'around you' and 'in you'. Let's talk about the 'ordinary' in our lives and what God may be calling us to in the midst of that.

1. What's an area of your life where you *really* want the best, not just the ordinary — like you're bothered in some way if you don't get it? (Ex: friendships, work, food, clothing, tech, church, etc.)
 - a. *How do you tend to respond when God sends you the 'ordinary' in that area of life? Anger? Frustration? Sadness?*
 - b. *How might you respond differently if you lived like what makes you (and your life) extraordinary is not what you do or have, but the presence of God's Holy Spirit living in you?*

2. In what ways is it freeing to know that God doesn't expect you to be extraordinary in order to be loved by him?
 - a. *How could it help relationships in your life to know that God doesn't expect other people to be extraordinary on their own either?*
 - b. *Where do you need God's help to embrace the ordinary in you and/or in others?*

3. What's an area of your life (I.e., work, school, relationships, etc.) where you feel a desire (or pressure) to be a kind of 'all-star,' extraordinary person?

Announcements:

- Registration Reminder: We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. **Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need.**

- The members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church are called to a **congregational meeting on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM** to be held virtually. At this meeting, we will be voting on new members of the diaconate: Jesse Porch (deacon) and Ambrose Huang (deacons' assistant). We will also be voting on extending a call to Rev. Travis Drake as the next senior pastor at Christ the King Church.