Discussion Guide for Philippians 2:19-24

1. Read Philippians 2:19-24 and briefly review the sermon outline

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: We become useful tools for God when we are satisfied to serve without recognition

Read Matthew 6:1-6

What are the righteous actions of the "hypocrites"?

What are the motivations that make them hypocrites?

Why are we tempted to seek man's applause?

What are the two contrasting reward structures?

How can we safeguard the purity and secrecy of our good works?

God encourages us to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24). One secularly proven way to motivate people to service is by public recognition.

Do you think that public recognition is contrary to Christian service?

How does Phil. 2:25-30 help us to navigate this issue?

In other what ways can we stir one another up to good deeds without risking pride and robbing rewards?