

Week Five

Heroes of Joy

CATCHING UP

Welcome any new members. Go around the group and answer the question, *how has your week been going?* And *what did you take away from the last lesson, and how has it made a difference in your life this week?*

DIVING IN

Read Philippians 2:19-30. Then watch the teaching video.

Timothy and Epaphroditus are heroes of joy, showing us the qualities that the world desperately needs to see in believers.

1. The world needs people who genuinely care for others.
2. The world needs people who cooperate like family.
3. The world needs people who continue no matter what.

Talking It Over

1. How is **joy** (the kind that causes us to care for others) a witness? What difference does a joy-filled Christian make in our present world?
2. Why is it so important to the world around us that Christians find a way to cooperate and work together?
3. And what difference does it make to a lost world to see Christians hanging in there through all the tough stuff of life?

SERVING TOGETHER

Talk about how your group might be able to serve together, within the church or within the community once or twice during this study.

STAYING ON MISSION

It's very important for every group to remember our big mission of reaching people who are far from God and bringing them closer to knowing Jesus. **Who do you know that you could invite to the group?**