

Sermon Notes

“Give recognition to such people”

1 Cor. 16:18, Various texts

October 29, 2023

5. What commendation does Paul speak and to whom, about whom, and for what reason in each of the following texts?

(a) 2 Tim 1:16-18

(b) Col. 4:12-13

(c) Rom. 16:3-4

(d) Rom. 16:6, 12

How do these verses illustrate that such appreciation should spill over beyond only leaders and splash on one another – fellow small group members, coworkers, family members – “who work hard”?

6. What can we do to speak appreciatively to one another and about one another more frequently?

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-29-2023

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Getting Started:

1. When was the last time you gave a character reference for a friend? Was it formal (for employment) or informal (for encouragement)?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Phil. 2:19-30. In Paul's view, why did Timothy stand out (Phil 2:21-22)? How were the Philippians told to welcome home Epaphroditus (Phil 2:29-30)? What was Paul's reasoning in each case for such treatment?
3. Read 1 Cor. 16:15-18. What service had the household of Stephanas provided (16:15)? How were the Corinthians to treat those who labored for God (16:16)? Why did Paul think some men deserve recognition (16:18)? Contrast this with the negative attitude Paul prohibits against Timothy (16:11).
4. Read 1 Thess. 5:12-13 and Hebrews 13:7. To what leadership responsibilities do these authors draw attention? What responses do they admonish? What would these responses look like in your own life?