

**Living Hope
Baptist Church**

*Small Group
Study Guide*

Stand Firm in What He's Doing
Philippians 1:27-30

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This study guide is a resource for your Small Group to use for further study about today's sermon. If you need to find a Small Group, please contact Richard Carwile at rcarwile@lhbg.org or 843-9462. You can view a list of our Small Groups at www.livinghopewired.com.

A C L O S E R L O O K

P h i l i p p i a n s 1 : 2 7 - 3 0

Stand for the Gospel:

1. Paul writes about "standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel" in verse 27. Why is unity (one spirit, one mind, side by side) so important when it comes to sharing the gospel?
2. Paul also writes that we should not be scared to share the gospel. What are some fears that Philippians might have had?

Suffer for the Gospel:

1. Paul speaks of suffering in verse 29 as something that we are "granted" as Christians. The context here is that suffering is a gift from God. How can suffering be a gift?
2. How was Paul an example to the Philippians when it came to suffering?

L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

1. How can a lack of unity divide the body of Christ? How have you seen this happen in your experience?
2. Paul instructed the Philippians to share the gospel and not to be scared. Do you experience any fear when it comes to talk about your faith with others? If so, what fears do you have?
3. What are some resources that can help you deal with your fears?
4. What are some ways a Christian might suffer for the gospel?
5. How can we be an encouragement to brothers and sisters in Christ when they are suffering?