

**May 11, 2020. Come Together,
Part 4, Follow The Leader**

What do you remember from the message?

What were some things that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Which of these “five truths” do you feel like you are most in denial of? Why?

1. Life Is Hard
2. You’re Not That Important
3. Your Life Is Not About You
4. You’re Not In Control
5. You’re Going To Die.

What are some signs that you might be living in denial of the truth that life is hard?

What are some signs that you might be living in denial of the fact that you are not that important?

How do you reconcile the fact that “*we humans are only a breath; none of us are truly great...*” (ps 62) with the fact that *God so loved us that he gave his only Son?* (Jn 3:16)

What are some signs that you might be living in denial of the fact that your life is not about you?

What are some signs that you might be living in denial of the fact that you’re not in control?

What are some signs that you might be living in denial of the fact that you’re going to die?

READ Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

According to Jim, what is the greatest obstacle to all people everywhere fulfilling this passage?

Are there any other obstacles that can’t be traced to pride?

READ Philippians 2:6-11 (NIV)

“[Consider Jesus], who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

What might you be hanging onto that God might be nudging you to let go of so that you can live a free-er, happier, lighter life?

[If time permits, and you want to go deeper:]

How can people disagree on certain issues yet still be “like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind?”

READ Romans 14:1-13 (NLT)

“Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don’t argue over disputable matters and what they think is right or wrong. For instance, one person believes it’s all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don’t. And those who don’t eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. Who are you to condemn someone else’s servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord’s help, they will stand and receive his approval.

In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we don’t live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it’s to honor the Lord. And if we die, it’s to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead. So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

For the Scriptures say, “ ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance praise to God.’ ”

Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall."

What are disputable matters? What are indisputable matters?

What is the primary issue Paul seems to be addressing?

How do you decide what is disputable and indisputable?

Who is your Leader? How is he leading you; where is he leading you to?