

## *Philippians 4:2-3*

<sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Don't Be Like Euodia and Sntyche

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What we know:

What we don't know:

Why this is important?

Why do Christian people disagree?

How do people respond when they disagree inappropriately?

How should we respond when we disagree?

## Notes:

## Life Group Discussion Questions:

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#### REVIEW

1. READ Philippians 1:1-26. How would you paraphrase the big idea?
2. READ Philippians 1:27-30. How would you paraphrase the big idea?
3. READ Philippians 2:1-11. How would you paraphrase the big idea?
4. READ Philippians 2:12-30. How would you paraphrase the big idea?
5. READ Philippians 3:1-4:1. How would you paraphrase the big idea?

#### What does the text say?

1. In 4:2, who are Euodia, Syntyche, and Clement? Why do you think Paul makes such a public display of these people?
2. What does it mean to “agree in the Lord”? Why is it so important that Euodia and Syntyche are of the same mind?
3. Who is Paul referring to as his true companion?
4. Why might it be significant that they each labored with Paul or that their names are in the book of life? Why does Paul mention it here?

#### How does it apply?

1. How do you typically handle conflict? Do you avoid it? Do you embrace it? Why?
2. Was there ever a time when a disagreement left you feeling devalued in the local church? How did you respond? Was there ever a time when you were overly attached to the wrong things? Explain.
3. In a conflict, what does it look like to try and see the situation from the other’s perspective?
4. How do you determine the importance or significance of the issue that you are wrestling with? How do you determine if a passionate response is founded in a desire to advance the gospel, or a desire to protect our image, ego, significance? Explain.
5. If it should happen again that you feel devalued, or find yourself in conflict; would you respond differently? If so, how?
6. How can we help each other to respond to conflict in Christ-like ways?