



# Ministry No Matter What

## Philippians 2:19-30

*Ministry – the work of God in and through His people – can happen no matter what, because ministry depends more on our spiritual condition than our physical location!*

*God is more interested in renewing our spiritual condition than reopening our physical location.*

*The spiritual condition that God honors and uses in ministry is one that...*

- Genuinely cares for others

*I have no one else so like-minded, who will genuinely care for your welfare (v. 20)*

- Seeks Christ over self-interest

*For everyone seeks their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ (v. 21)*

- Risks whatever it takes to advance and fulfill the mission

*...because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me (v. 30)*

## TAKE ACTION TODAY

- Be sure to watch the rest of the conversation with our global mission partners at <https://vimeo.com/forceyconnects/review/417419807/dd55250d14>
- Go to [www.forcey.org/next-steps/meet-jesus](http://www.forcey.org/next-steps/meet-jesus) to learn more about receiving Jesus.

## FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Continue to read Philippians weekly!
- Meditate on Luke 9:23-25 and Philippians 2:5-11.
- Listen to “Worth it All” by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5V78LQtrwvw>
- Listen to the “Worth it All” by Ben Cantelon - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yi3v0KKqmu4>
- Read “Risk is Right” by John Piper - <https://document.desiringgod.org/risk-is-right-en.pdf?ts=1446648045>
- Watch the trailer for “The Insanity of God,” then read the book and watch the film - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XX6SWxwKZSE>

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What stood out to you from the two different interviews with some of our global ministry partners that were featured in the livestream?
3. What are some things you see the Lord doing in and through our church or specific people (including yourself) in this unique season?
4. Think about all that we have learned of Paul’s situation from our study on Philippians. Though he is locked down in prison, what specific ministries were being fulfilled in and through him and others during that season of his life?
5. Paul lifts up Timothy as a model of someone who genuinely cares for others. Who has been that kind of a model to you? How can you honor that person?
6. What are some specific ways that the things you wake up thinking about are different from the things that Jesus “wakes up thinking about”?
7. Think about a difficult situation you are in during this season. Now ask, “What would it look like if Jesus got what He wanted in that situation?” Now ask, “based on that, what should I do?” Share any thoughts on this.
8. Read Luke 9:23-25. What does Jesus teach us to do with our own self-interests when it comes to following him?
9. Share about a time when you denied yourself something in order to better obey and follow Jesus. How did God demonstrate His faithfulness to you during this time?
10. Share about a time when you risked something in order to more fully follow Christ, like Epaphroditus. How did God demonstrate His faithfulness to you during this time?
11. Who is someone within our church family or within your circle that you can honor in a specific way this week for the ways in which they have courageously served the Lord? How will you do it?
12. Spend some time praying for the Lord’s work to increase in and through our church and also the same for our global ministry partners.