



**Servants, Saints, and Shepherds**

**Philippians 1:1-2**

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**SMALL GROUPS**

Paul's **SERVANT IDENTITY** was received from Jesus Christ (v.1a,b)

*Paul and Timothy, servants<sup>[a]</sup> of Christ Jesus*

Paul identifies as a "servant" – How does that compare to your view of yourself? Does Paul's view of himself challenge your view of yourself?

The letter is to the **INCLUSIVE** not **EXCLUSIVE** "saints" (v.1c)

*To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi,*

Paul called them "saints," people who were made holy and set apart. Do you see yourself that way? Do you see others in your group that way?

Paul specifically addresses the church "**SHEPHERDS**" (v.1d)

*with the overseers<sup>[b]</sup> and deacons!*

Being saints carries the idea of being set apart to something. What are you set apart for or to? What does this activate in you to do in light of that?

Paul extends **GRACE** and **PEACE** (v.2)

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

God is the source of our grace and peace, so how do you receive grace and peace from Him? What can you learn from others' habits of receiving grace and peace from God?

**Bottomline:** Be content with being a servant of Jesus Christ.

**For those not yet living a Jesus-centered life:**

1. Accept your **IDENTITY** from Christ Jesus.

**For those living a Jesus-centered life:**

2. Work to make your networks a Jesus-centered **ECOSYSTEM**

3. Stop living for **TITLES** and start living for **FUNCTION**.

4. Increase the attractiveness of Christ; be a **GRACE-GIVER** and **PEACEMAKER!**

**QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN READING SCRIPTURE**

1. Is there a command to obey?
2. Is there a sin to avoid?
3. Is there a promise to believe?
4. Is there an example I need to follow?
5. What new truth about God have I seen?
6. What's repeated?

**So...**

***What do I need to surrender?***

***What do I need to step into?***

***What do I need to steward?***

***What do I need to share?*** (either for my own accountability or to expand the Kingdom into others' lives)?