

For the week of June 10, 2018

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Facing the Elephant in the Room

Tenth week in the series: *Tenacious Together*

Philippians 4:1-9

Paul has dealt with lofty themes for most of the book of Philippians: unity, persevering for the gospel, and the surpassing value of knowing Christ. In this section, he turns to address a critical and potentially divisive issue in the Philippian church. He encourages them to face their issues directly and gives some practical guidance on how to do that as followers of Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the some of the potentially divisive issues facing our church?
2. How does everyone get involved in building and protecting our unity?
3. How do we stay gentle or reasonable in the midst of conflict? Share any experience you've had following the steps Paul lays out in verses 6-7.
4. How do you focus on the good for conclusions that you disagree with?
5. What are some practical steps you can take to address the potentially divisive issues that you're aware of?