

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Gifts that Last

Encouragement – Part 3

Getting Started

What kind of gifts do you value the most? Explain.

Digging In

1. **Read Philippians 2:3-4.** Why are we often not very good at encouraging others?
2. According to these foundational verses, what is necessary if we are going to be able to encourage others?
3. In what way is encouragement a way of fulfilling **John 13:34-35**?
4. What do we learn about the importance of listening in **Proverbs 18:13**?
5. **Read Romans 16:1-2.** How did God use Phoebe to encourage others?
6. How does Paul ask the church at Rome to encourage Phoebe?
7. **Read Philippians 2:25-30.** How did God use the church at Philippi to encourage Paul?
8. **Read Acts 11:27-30.** How did the believers in Antioch encourage the believers in Judea?
9. **Read Ephesians 3:14-21.** If you had been a part of the church at Ephesus, how would you feel after reading this part of Paul's letter? Explain.



Getting Personal

- Looking back over the preceding passages, list various ways in which we can encourage others.
- In which area would you particularly like to grow?
- Who do you know that could use some encouragement? Which of these gifts would you like to give him or her?
- Ask God to use you to encourage others this coming week. Be alert to opportunities that God gives you.