



Introduction:

- In the movie *City Slickers*, Billy Crystal and two buddies are experiencing a mid-life crisis and decide to go on a cattle drive to “find themselves.” One day, Curly – the old, leathery cattle drive lead – asks Billy, “Do you know what the secret to life is?” Billy responds, “No, what?” Holding up one finger, Curly says, “It’s this. One thing. You figure out what that one thing is, and the rest of life don’t mean nothing.”
- Have you ever wondered what the “one thing” for the Church would be?
- In Philippians 1, Paul, like Curly, raises his index finger and essentially says, “Do you know what the secret to a great church is? It’s one thing:”

The Church’s “One Thing” is to be

_____.

To be worthy of the Gospel, PHBC must be...

Together: _____

So that...I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit
(Philippians 1:27)

Definition – Gk. *steko*

- Steadfastly holding one’s ground regardless of danger/opposition.
- To be stationary; in a fixed position.
- Not pushed or moved around by another force, but anchored in one place.

- Military term for a soldier defending position on the front line of battle at all cost.

Let’s reaffirm some things for which we must stand firm or “hold the line.”

To be worthy of the Gospel, PHBC must be...

Together: _____

...With one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel... (v. 27)

Our purpose as a church is what unifies us.

Our Purpose (the What):

Helping people _____ and _____ Jesus Christ.

Our Vision (the How):

To see this generation _____ by the Gospel of Christ through awe-inspiring _____, life-changing _____, and _____ the world in Jesus’ name.

To be worthy of the Gospel, PHBC will be called upon to be...

Together: _____

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake (v. 29b).

Conclusion:

Keep _____.

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