

Lifegroup Questions - Philippians 2:12-18 Spiritual Work Out Plan

- Icebreaker: Do you feel spiritually fit? Why or why not?

Read Philippians 2:12-18

- In what way does Paul commend the Philippians' obedience? What does their obedience tell you about their salvation? Are there certain areas of your life where obedience is more of a challenge?
- What does Paul mean by "work out your salvation"? Is our salvation based upon works? (See Ephesians 2:8-9) How can we help each other to work out our salvation?
- Why is it important to work out our salvation with "fear and trembling"?
- According to verse 13, what part does God play as we seek to 'work out our salvation'? (Also see Philippians 1:6, 4:13)
- In what way does 'grumbling' and 'arguing' display the opposite attitude to 'fear' and 'trembling'? What was Christ's attitude? (See Philippians 2:6-8) What reasons does Paul give for doing everything without grumbling or arguing?
- What does it mean to shine like "stars in the sky"? (See Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 13:43, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Daniel 12:3)
- Paul says that if the Philippians "hold firmly to the word of life" he will be able to "boast on the day of Christ", what would you like to be able to boast about on the day of Christ?
- What is the source of Paul's joy in verse 17? (See Acts 20:35) What joy have you found in serving God? What is Paul's hope for the Philippians these verses?