

Memory Verse

Philippians 2:12b - 13

“work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure”.

Intro

Is the Christian life a matter of passive trust, or of active obedience?

Discussion Questions

1. Read Philippians 2:12-18 out loud. In your own words briefly summarize what Paul is saying here.

2. Read our previous passage out loud, Philippians 2:1-11. Then explain why today's passage begins with the word "therefore".

3. Verse 12 says, "work out your own salvation". What does this mean?

a) How do we reconcile this with Ephesians 2:8-9?

b) What further insight on this can you glean from the following verses?

- Ephesians 2:10

- John 15:1-11
- 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- Titus 2:11-14
- James 2:14-26
- Romans 8:29
- Matthew 19:25-26
- Philippians 2:13 (*now we are all the way back to today's passage!*)

4. From today's passage:

a) What should our posture before God be, and why?

b) What should our attitude be, and why?

5. What does Paul mean when he says, "*shine as lights in the world*" (v 15)? Refer also to Jesus's words in Matthew 5:14-16.

Breakout

1. What would your life look like if you fully committed to "*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling*"? How does today's passage, Pastor Ross's message, and the above discussion help with last week's message (and 5-step call to action!) regarding "secret sin"? Be as specific as you can.

2. Spend a material time in prayer for life change in your breakout group. Pray for each other, and be specific.