

1. Working <u>on me</u> brings joy when I'm aware of how God is working <u>in me</u>.

Philippians 2:12-13



2. Working in a <u>dark world</u> brings joy when I'm aware of how brightly God <u>can shine</u> through me.

Philippians 2:14-18 3)



3. Working in <u>the Church</u> brings joy when I'm aware of and imitate the <u>sacrifices</u> people make <u>out of love</u> for others.

Philippians 2:19-30



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Growing up, which of your parents' expectations were the most difficult to obey?

Read Philippians 2:12-30.

Once again, we see the word "therefore" at the beginning of our text. What concepts are being connected by the Apostle Paul?

Paul tells us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (vs 12). What does he mean by this?

Spiritual growth requires our own intentional efforts and the work of the Holy Spirit within us (vs 13). In what ways are you intentionally knowing God better and living out your faith?

Read Philippians 2:14-18.

We are specifically called to do all things without grumbling or disputing. Despite the differences we will have with other believers, why is it important for us to live in humble unity?

Read Philippians 2:19-30.

Looking at the passage, how were Timothy and Epaphroditus working out their salvation? What characteristics of theirs did Paul commend?

As you think about the days ahead, share one way you can follow Timothy and Epaphroditus' example of putting others first as you seek to work out your own salvation?

