



The Joy Thief

Main Scripture: Phil 2:12-18

Additional Scriptures: Heb 2:1-3; Jas 3:1-12; Deut 32

Discussion Questions

Paul changes from a persecutor of Jesus to a man who demonstrated strong faith in the midst of severe trials, imprisonment, and beatings. He is concerned about the Philippian church losing sight of what genuine faith is and how it is worked out in their every day choices.

- What are some standard complaints people have about life?
- Do you think there is proof that complaining damages our mental health? Why or why not?
- What are some better solutions that we can offer people who complain or find fault with many things in their life?
- How can you apply what P. Mike meant by stating, "Breakout through the Workout?"

Commit to Submit

- What does Phil. 2:6-11 reveal about Jesus' nature?
- How does His example challenge you when it comes to submission?
- Is there ever a time not to submit? If so, why?

Who is Lord?

- What measure do you use concerning someone who confesses Jesus is Lord? Is there something that needs to happen or something that you think is vital?
- What does Paul mean, "*continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose?*"
- What example did P. Mike give about digging out the mountain?

It's in Your Mouth

READ James 3:1-12

- What does James address that can cause us to stumble?
- How can we prevent this? What can we do to be more aware of our tendency to fall into cycles of futility?

You have to WORK IT OUT, to get Egypt OUT of you

- What is God doing in you today?