

Leaders:

See you on Sunday the 13th or 20th for the SG Leader Informational meeting. 9:00am in room 805. If you have not confirmed when you can come please email Pastor Chris to let him know.

LEARN

Read Philippians 2:12-18 together. What stands out from the text and what was helpful, encouraging or challenging from the sermon on Sunday?

What does "work out your own salvation" not mean? Considering the entire statement (in v. 12 and 13), what does it mean to work out your own salvation?

(Not earning, working for, or toward salvation as if you don't have it. It's a free gift received by faith in Christ. It means we participate with God to grow to maturity. We exert real effort to become Christ-like, all the while aware God is working in us for his good pleasure.)

Why is doing all things without grumbling or disputing such a stark witness to our world today? (Grumbling, disputing, complaining, bickering, and so on are the accepted means of communicating in our fallen world. Not doing so on a daily basis, and especially in trials, speaks of God's grace in changing our lives.)

PRACTICE

Reflect on your past 3 months. What is at least one way you can say you have been working out your own salvation? How have you seen God working in you?

(Examples could include increased prayer life, killing sin, consistency in reading Bible, sharing gospel with neighbor or co-worker, forgiving/reconciling in a relationship.)

What kinds of life events, disappointing realities, or relationships are you most prone to grumble and dispute about? How do you need to ask God specifically for strength to obey v. 14?

(Leaders, do not let this devolve into story time. If there are real hurts, acknowledge but stay on task of how God wants to change the person to obey v. 14.)

Are you able to speak gospel truth from various angles? What is an aspect of the gospel you need to study and learn so you can grasp it more deeply yourself and be ready to hold it out to others?

(Examples - addiction, identity, shame, suffering, abandonment, loneliness, reconciliation, Christ's substitutionary death, etc.)

CHANGE

The new year is a good time to consider areas of needed growth in your life. 2 part question:

1. How do you need to grow this year?
2. How will you do it?