

DISCUSSION GUIDE || October 1 & 2, 2025

REMEMBER

- In a culture obsessed with self-seeking status, Paul's vision for Christian living is **joyful partnership** that's shaped by **Christ's example of other-centered humility**.
- This next section in verses 12-18 is how we **apply Christ's example through God's power**.
- The church follows Paul's blueprint for obedience as it continues to **"work out your salvation"** – that is, **"keep living like you're believing with awe-filled reverence for God."**
- Live this way **without faithless complaining** as **shining examples** in a "dark twisted generation" (that involves faithless people *as well as* people of faith who have drifted from God) who **celebrate** the sacrifice of giving it all away (like Paul's doing) for the gospel.

READ Philippians 2.12-18

REFLECT

1. **What word, phrase, or idea** is most interesting or surprising to you from this passage?
Why?
2. How does the Christ poem in verses 6–11 **connect with these practical implications** in verses 12–18?
3. What do you think Paul means when he says **"work out your salvation with fear and trembling"**?
4. What does **"grumbling"** look like among people of faith in our churches and world today?
5. What does **"shining like stars"** look like for us in our world today?
6. Paul calls the Philippian Christians to **"cling to the word"** – that is, not just the Bible but specifically the "word of Christ" which is the Good News of his life, death, and resurrection. **What should that look like in practice for us** this season in our neighborhood and world?
7. What can we **pause and pray** for in our lives, neighborhood, and world right now?

ANNOUNCE

- Help a neighbor in need **MOVE** on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9am – text Adam for details or if interested.
- **YOUTH NIGHT** is Saturday, Oct. 4 after our Worship Gathering – Bring a pumpkin and a friend!