



JOURNEY CHURCH

Rise Above | Philippians 2.12-18

October 18, 2020

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Hebrews 12.1-3 - MSG

Philippians 2.12-18

1. Work hard

[Ephesians 2.8-10]

2. I work hard as a result of God working in me Spiritual formation:

3. I work hard whether or not someone is watching

4. I work hard without complaining & arguing

- Charles Spurgeon: *"If you want the truth to go round the world you must hire an express train to pull it; but if you want a lie to go round the world, it will fly; it is as light as a feather, and a breath will carry it."*
- THINK test: **T**—Is it True? **H**—Is it Helpful? **I**—Is it Inspiring? **N**—Is it Necessary?
K—Is it Kind?

[1 Timothy 4.7-10]

5. I work hard with a firm hold on the word of life

6. Working hard matters and makes a difference

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

For the week of October 12 - 18, 2020 [week 4]

This week, we are continuing our series in the book of Philippians. We will continue to walk through this passage each week by providing you questions to not only review for yourself, but also within your small group. Take some time to re-read the passage before you meet and pray through the questions in preparation for your time with each other. Most importantly, enjoy connection and community with one another (in whatever format you are meeting in).

READ Philippians 2.12-18 OUT LOUD

HEAD:

Q - *What is your definition of hard work? Does your definition of hard work from a physical standpoint match the same definition you would give for the spiritual dimension of hard work?*

HEART:

Q - *If you had to take a deeper look into the practice of hard work, do you feel like the heart behind your work is in step with God's outlook on hard work? If the words of your mind could be displayed, would people see/hear grumbling or would your outward expression match what is in your heart?*

HANDS:

Q - *Take some time to discuss what working hard as a small group might look and feel like?*

Does it look like:

- Empathy towards someone who is hurting?*
- Encouraging a small group member with a card or a phone call?*
- Raking someone's yard or some other tangible aspect of care?*

How can your small group come together to do the hard work of loving each other through word and deed?

PRAY:

Spend time praying Jesus' prayer from the notes above as a group. Pray to be empowered by the Spirit as you seek to walk in obedience. Let us also remember to look for ways in which we can serve one another and our community.