

Reminders Along the Way

PHILIPPIANS – Part 7

May 24, 2026

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Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of May 24, 2026.

Opening

1. When are you most likely to grumble? What would it sound like to praise God in those moments instead?

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read Philippians 2:12-13

1. What does this passage have to do with the previous passage, vv. 1-11? (The word "therefore" is a clue to look back.)
2. Notice that God works inside Christians in two ways: to will and to act in the way that we should. Why are both necessary?

What is it that God empowers us to will and to do?

3. Underneath our work is God's work. How does this bring comfort to your life as a Christian?

Read Philippians 2:14-18

4. We are all tempted to complain and grumble. How can you maintain a joyful attitude in the face of the problems of life?
5. Consider how Paul describes the Christian's mission in the world: shining as "stars" and holding firmly to the "word of life" (vv. 15-16). What does this tell you about how we should act?

Applying the Scriptures

1. How can you help to work out your salvation with others in your church family? Try to think of some specific things you could do.
2. Who could you share Christian joy with today?

Do you allow others to share it with you, even when you are facing difficult circumstances?