

Discussion Guide: October 5, 2025

Series: *Philippians*

Message: *Shine!*

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Take Home Truth: If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, it is your mission to light up your world.

Focus Passage

Philippians 2:12-18 (NLT): *Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.*

Message Outline

Let it go

Lean into it

Live it out

Discussion Questions

1. Describe one thing you have criticized in your mind or to others this past week. What would it look like for you to let it go? Are you willing to let it go?
2. Name someone who has been influential in your life as a believer...someone who helped you put your trust in Jesus...who has invested in your spiritual life. Describe how they have helped. If this person is still alive, do you ever sense they are watching your life as a child of God? Would your current life in Christ bring them joy or cause for concern?
3. Identify an area in your life where you were obedient to Christ, but it took the work of the Holy Spirit to give you the desire to obey.
4. Describe your commitment to the Word of God these days. On a scale of 1 to 10, with ten being passionate about the Word, how would you rate your current commitment to the Word?
5. Joe said the solution to a spirit of grumbling is to submit to the sovereignty of God in your Life. Explain what you think he meant. Agree or disagree? Examples?
6. Give one example of how you are currently a light in this world.

Time of Prayer:

God, I need your help to live like Jesus. Enable me to lean into Your Word so I can let go of the things that I should and be like a bright star in an increasingly dark world. Amen.