**SG Questions for 11.27.16**

**Sermon Title - Light of the World Series: Shine Your Light,**

**Scripture: Philippians 2:12-18**

Please spend time to read the passage together before trying to answer the questions. The questions below are meant for us to study God’s Word rather than just recall what was shared by the preacher on Sunday.

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**Lights in the World**

12Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

14Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

1. **If salvation is a free gift of God, not by works but by grace, why do you think Paul says that we need to work out our salvation with "fear and trembling?"**
2. **What do you think verse 13 means?**
3. **Why does Paul tell the Christians to not "grumble and arguing" (v.14) and to be “blameless and pure” (v.15)?**
4. **Vs. 15 - Do you think it's possible for us to be "blameless and pure?" How can we go about being the kind of person God calls us to be?**

**Application:**

1. **What does it look like for us to be a "shining star" in our lives? Where has God called you to bring the light of the gospel to a dark place or situation?**