

Philippians Week 10

Work Out Your Salvation

Memory Verse:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father, we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Who in your life might accept an invitation to join us for Good Friday and Easter? Commit to inviting them (with some folks, you could do it right now- just text them). Take a moment to pray for them.

3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

Since we follow Jesus, we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Read Philippians 2:12-13

How does the word "therefore" help us interpret verses 12-13?

What does the central command of this passage, "work out your salvation," mean?

How are we to obey this command 'with fear and trembling'?

What does "both to will and to work for his good pleasure mean?"

The sermon presented two common ways this central command is disobeyed. The first is misinterpreting it as works-based salvation (do good works to be saved or keep salvation). The second is ignoring the command and pointing to cheap grace as an excuse not to grow in working out our salvation with fear and trembling. Which way are you most likely to fall short in obeying this command? What needs to change in your beliefs and actions to obey this command?