



Philippians Part 5: "God's Work in You"

1. Read Philippians 2:12-13. How do you reconcile the call to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" with the reality that salvation is by grace alone?
 - a. Think about and discuss what it means that "it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose."

2. Read Philippians 2:14-16. In one sense, a complaint is telling God he has done something wrong and shows that we're not content with what we have or haven't received from him. How can counting your blessings (even your difficulties) be a great antidote to complaining?
 - a. Arguing is a common sin that affects every relationship. How can the way God extends forgiveness to us be an excellent pattern for restoring our relationships with others?

 - b. When you eliminate complaining and arguing in your life, you shine like a star in a dark and sinful world. What are practical ways you can hold out the "word of life" to offer hope, help and healing to others?

3. Read Philippians 2:17-18. Reflect on the sacrifices and hard work of the pastors and church leaders that have served alongside of you. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their service and discuss ways you can rejoice over the good work God has worked in them.



Acts 1:8, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

1. As the early church grew and grew, what problem did the leaders need to solve?
2. What kind of men were chosen to help serve?
3. Based on the story from Acts, who can do God's work?
4. Why is doing God's work so important?
5. Think of some ways you could serve others, especially people who may feel lonely. Come up with a plan to serve that person, family or group and serve!