

Complete Joy
Week 7 – Work it Out

Transition: In last week's text Paul highlighted the deity and humanity of Christ and exhorted the Philippians to adopt the same humble and obedient attitude of Jesus.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Paul commands the Philippians to put their salvation into action, knowing that it was God who supplied the strength and desire for them to do so.

Opening Questions:

- When do you usually feel most disciplined? Explain why.
- When do you feel most alert that God is working in your life? Explain why.

Scripture/Storying: Philippians 2:12-13

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- What disciplines would you associate with living out the Christian faith? Why does living a life of obedience to Christ require discipline? How would you disciple a new believer to live out their salvation?
- What distracts you from living out your own salvation? Why is it so easy to point out how others should live out their faith, yet so difficult to stop and reflect on how we should live out our own salvation? How can you stay focused on what you need to work on, when tempted to focus on what others need to do?
- Paul says that we should live out our salvation with fear and trembling. What concrete ways can you show a proper reverence toward God as you live out your salvation? How can you avoid a casual and flippant attitude toward God while living out your salvation?
- What needs to take place for someone to reach a point where they can grow spiritually without relying on others to guide them every step of the way? Why does a person need to reach a point where they don't have to depend on someone else for spiritual progress? How would you personally disciple someone to help them reach a place where they no longer depend on you for their spiritual growth?
- In verse 13, Paul reveals that we are only able to live out our salvation because God is at work in us. What comfort does this bring to you? Why do we need God to work in us before we can work out our salvation? How will you stay dependent on God when it comes to living out your faith?

Prayer time:

GreenHouse Church - Pray for GreenHouse Church as they begin weekly services in Lenoir City.

Favor International - Pray for the upcoming crusades in many locations; Pray that the Lord will empower their teams with boldness, compassion, and guidance from the Holy Spirit as they proclaim the Gospel; Pray that multitudes will encounter the transforming love of Jesus and surrender their lives to Him.