

DISCUSSION GUIDE

FEBRUARY 22/23 | TOGETHER

SHINING STARS! | PHILIPPIANS 2:12-30

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, what caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Share and describe a person in your life who you look to as a model as you seek to grow to be more like Jesus.

DIGGING IN

1. Read Philippians 2:12-18. Partnering with God and each other.
 - a. What's the difference between working for your salvation and working it out? Look up Ephesians 2:8-10.
 - b. What does God's work in us produce? Look at v13.
 - c. What are the marks (several are noted) of the church (individuals too) when it comes to "working out your salvation"? Look at vv12-17.
 - d. Why the fuss over grumbling and complaining (v14)? Look up Numbers 14:1-4, 10-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Ephesians 5:20.
2. Read Philippians 2:19-30. Following godly examples—Timothy and Epaphroditus.
 - a. What are the qualities that stand out in Timothy? (vv19-24, 1 Corinthians 4:16-17)
 - b. What are the qualities that stand out in Epaphroditus (vv25-30) and how do they connect to what was said earlier in Philippians 2:3-5?
 - c. What are we called to do with godly leaders? Look at v29, 1 Corinthians 11:1 and Hebrews 13:7.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Where is God using this week's message to grow you so that we might better shine for Jesus?
2. What new things are you learning about God and His commitment to us (individually and together)? Don't forget Philippians 1:6, along with 2:13.
3. If working out our faith (salvation) is something we do together as God's people, what are ways you as a group can encourage and strengthen each other as followers of Jesus?
4. Write or text someone whose godly example you honor to encourage and thank them.