

Women's Bible Study Discussion Questions

Philippians 2:12–18

1. What does Paul mean in verse 12 when Paul tells the Philippians to “work out your own salvation?” How is work **out** your salvation different from work **for** your salvation?
2. Why do you think Paul asks the Philippian church to obey “much more” in his absence? How is their obedience in his absence a greater testimony to their faith in Christ?
3. In verse 14, Paul exhorts the Philippians to “Do everything without complaining or arguing.” How does grumbling and complaining interfere with working out your salvation? How does it deny grace?
4. In Philippians 1:12-26, Paul rejoices on how the kingdom advances despite his imprisonment. Here in verse 17, Paul rejoices that he is being poured out as a drink offering. Why does he rejoice? How is this rejoicing different from that of chapter 1?
5. The subheading of this passage is “Lights in the world.” Read Daniel 12:2-3. How can we shine the light of Jesus to others in our work, our home and in our relationships?