

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18 - SOUTHWOOD

Sermon Reflection Questions

These questions are designed to help individuals, families, and small groups discuss and apply passages in the Philippians sermon series as taught at Grace Bible Church in fall 2018.

Observe & Interpret

Read Philippians 2:12-18.

How does 2:12-13 relate to the previous paragraph (2:1-11)?

How does 2:14-18 relate to 2:12-13?

What aspect of “salvation” is Paul referring to in 2:12 (past, present or future), and how can you tell?

What role does our obedience play in this “salvation”?

What does Paul mean by “fear and trembling,” and why should that characterize our obedience?

Explain the promise of v13 in your own words. What two things is God promising to do in us when we try to humbly obey Him?

Apply

What are you tempted to grumble or argue about? Be specific. How can you do better this week in this area?

Spend a few minutes confessing sin to God, recommitting yourself to obey Him, and asking for His help both to empower your obedience and grow your desire for righteousness.

Memorize: Philippians 2:12-13. So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.