

Shine Like Stars

Philippians 2:12-18

Sermon Discussion Questions

June 27, 2021

1. This week's message picks up Paul's idea from Philippians 1:27 (live a life worthy of the gospel). As we were challenged with this message a few weeks ago, how has the Spirit compelled you to live a life worthy of the gospel since then?

What is something different you notice now in your behavior/conduct/life that wasn't there prior to hearing the sermon a few weeks ago?

2. **Read Philippians 2:12-13.** As a group, define the terms justification and sanctification. Which term comes first? Why is it so hard to rest in the gift of Christ and what He's already done in favor of trying to earn our salvation and place in the kingdom?
3. Pastor Tom shared that Jesus has not only saved us from something, but he's saved us for something in the here and now. With fear and trembling through obedience, we offer ourselves to God to live for him. When you think of living in awe of God (fear and trembling – God is God and we're not) and obedience, which is harder for you and why? Can you faithfully live for Christ with either of these missing?
4. In Philippians 2:14, Paul encourages individuals to "do everything without grumbling or arguing." Think of the last thing you grumbled or argued about. What was the root that caused those things to happen?

In light of this message, how is the Spirit causing you to respond if a similar situation that caused the grumbling and arguing occurs in the future?

5. **Read Philippians 2:14-15 & Matthew 5:14-15.** Pastor Tom shared an example from Calvary staff member Ardo Draper and how he shines like a star. When Ardo is asked how he's doing, no matter the situation occurring in his life, he points people to Jesus by saying "blessed." Is your life shining like a star in a dark world and pointing people to Jesus? What do your attitudes and actions say about the God your life should point to?
6. Spend time praising God in gratitude for the finished work of his Son that grants all salvation and justification. End your time praying for one another that you would live in gratitude to God desiring to be sanctified and made more in the likeness of Christ.