

The Joy of Sanctification and Shining

Philippians 2:12-18

Taking it Home:

1. What are you putting into your spiritual growth? What environment do you need to spend more time in... the gym, the forest, or the gulf stream? What active step can you take this week?
2. Continue praying for your friends and family who do not know Jesus. In what way can you shine and hold out the Word of Life to them this week?

Prayer Concerns:

Working out my Salvation

Sanctification – The _____ of becoming more like _____.

Environments of growth:

1. Gym – Building _____ muscle through regular spiritual _____
2. Forest – Allowing things to _____ so _____
3. Gulf Stream – Enjoying the _____ of the _____ at work in my life

Shining like Stars

Stars are:

1. _____ and _____
2. _____ from the _____ around them
3. _____ to _____

Finding joy

As I work out my salvation and shine, I find joy knowing:

1. I am _____ to the _____.
2. I am _____.
3. I am participating in _____.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. When have you missed light the most?

Digging Deeper:

Read Philippians 2:12-18

1. How would you explain the work of God and your own work in the process of spiritual growth from start to finish? What part does God play that you can't play? What part do you play that God can't play?
2. Read Philippians 2:13, John 16:13, Galatians 5:16, and Colossians 1:28-29. Underneath our work is God's work. How does this bring comfort to your life as a Christian? Where have you sensed the Holy Spirit actively at work in your life to will and act according to God's good purpose?
3. Read Isaiah 60:1-3 and Acts 13:47. What is God's desire for His people throughout history? In what ways does this take place through our lives?

4. Read 2 Peter 3:8-15. How does the reality of "the day of Christ" (Phil 2:16) affect how you live your life and make disciples?
5. In verses 16-18, what causes Paul to rejoice? Review the themes of "Finding joy" from your study guide. What is bringing you the most joy as you work out your salvation and shine?
6. Share with your group about the people in your lives you would like to see come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. What work does God want you to play in their lives? Pray as a GG for your lost friends and family.