



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Sacred Joy: A study of Philippians
November 15, 2009
Philippians 2.12-18

1. What does Paul mean when he says, *Work out your salvation with fear and trembling* (2.12)? What is God's sovereign work in this and what is our responsibility?
2. Does the cultural saying, *Let go and let God* fit with what Paul is saying here (2.12)?
3. What are the concrete contents that Paul has in mind when he tells us to work out our salvation in fear and trembling (2.14-18)?
4. In a world that is selfish, self-pitying and whining what should stand out about Christians as we hold out the word of life (2.14-15)?
5. Think of some shining stars of the faith that you know. Why do they stand out from the crowd?
6. What examples of crookedness and perversity might Paul be talking about in Philippi? How about us here in the 21st century North Texas?
7. What will give Paul a reason to rejoice (2.14-17)?
8. What does Paul mean when he says, *But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of our faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all* (2.17)?