

April 14 – 20

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Icebreaker: Talk about a time when you were just going through the motions. How did that affect your work? How did it affect other people?

Read Philippians 2:12–13

- What does the “Therefore” in verse 12 point back to? What has Paul just finished talking about?
- Summarize Jesus’ obedience, as seen in verse 8.
- What does it mean to “work out” your salvation? What is the difference between “working out” your salvation and “working for” your salvation?
- How can you put effort into your walk with Jesus without it becoming a way for you to earn your salvation?
- What do you think the phrase “fear and trembling” means if we know our salvation is secure?
- Why is God’s work in us essential to us working out our salvation?
- What is the ultimate aim of our good works according to verse 13?
- Why would Paul be concerned with their obedience?

Read Philippians 2:14–16

- How would you summarize what Paul wants for these believers?
- Look up John 7:12, Acts 6:1, 1 Peter 4:9, Ephesians 4:29. What do we learn about our speech and hearts?
- Give an example of someone who performed the right action but with a poor attitude. Where might this lead?
- What do grumbling and disputing indicate about a person’s heart?
- What does “socially acceptable” grumbling and complaining look like in the church?
- Why is it essential for these believers to be blameless and innocent? Why is the attitude of their heart a critical aspect of this?
- How does Paul describe the culture of that day? How is this reflective of our own culture? What does that tell us about the nature of human societies?
- How are believers supposed to affect culture? What does it mean to shine as lights? What do we illuminate?
- If the people of our church lived according to the description in this passage, how would it affect our communities?
- Why is Paul concerned about his labor?
- What would it mean to live your life in vain? What is the key to living so your life is not run in vain?