

Jailed and Joyful
July 12, 2026 Discussion Guide
This week's reading: Philippians 2:12-18

CHECK UP:

Memory work: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...
- Philippians 2:5

How did you obey God this past week from last week's teaching on Psalm 77?

OPEN:

- What was a high and low of your past week?
- What stood out from this week's reading? How do you already feel challenged to obey?
- How have you been hearing God's voice for your life?

READ and ASK: Philippians 2:12-18

- What did the Philippian Christians need to obey?
- What is the difference between working OUT your salvation and working FOR your salvation?
 - o Why is "fear and trembling" (reverence) important?
- How does God help us obey?
- What instructions does Paul give for every day Christian living in this passage?
- What keeps the church from "shining like the stars"?
 - o How does our communal purity and unity cause us to "shine like the stars"?
- How did Paul view his own life and ministry?

APPLY:

- Devin asked some evaluation questions in the sermon, which one most has your attention?
- How does this passage call you to action?
- NEXT STEPS: In ways or situations this week do you need to make a conscious effort not to grumble?

Memory Work:

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. - Philippians 2:14-16a

Next Week's Reading:

Philippians 2:19-30