



LEADER'S NOTES

PHILIPPIANS: RESURRECTED LIFE

Shine Like Stars

Philippians 2:12-20

Question 1 - The first question is designed to familiarize your group with the scripture we are studying this week. Enjoy discussing this incredible scripture. I would advise you to ensure that each person in your group says at least one thing about the scripture.

Question 2 - deals with verse 12. In the question, I paraphrase the verse to say that basically, Paul is in the strongest terms possible, teaching that we need to keep learning and understanding our salvation so that it directly affects how we live. The important part of the question asks if your group members are learning and growing and if their faith impacts how they live. You may make key insights as a group leader as you listen to the responses of your group members. This could also be a good opportunity for you to talk directly about Howell being committed to your group is one of the ways that you are continuing to grow in your understanding, and is a place to live out your faith.

Question 3 - covers verse 13. This question has two parts. The first part leads your group to understand this verse; the second part helps him see how it is a continuation of verse 12. This is one of my favorite verses in Philippians, and I hope you enjoy leading this question.

Question 4 - covers verses 14-16. This question asks your group members to put these verses into their own words. This is a great way for us to more fully consider scripture. I recommend that you take time in your group, asking them to write out a paraphrase of these verses. Here's my paraphrase of these verses. Paul says, If you don't argue or complain, you will shine like stars in the dark night of this perverse culture. This question has great potential for your group. You could find yourself in a conversation about a mindset of negativity versus a mindset of Hope or Joy. I do think that's what Paul is trying to convey to us.

Question 5 - covers verses 17-18. This question serves as a counterbalance to question four. The opposite of negativity is to rejoice and choose joy. The question ends by asking your group members how they choose joy.