



Get to Work with God's Help

Philippians 2:12-18

Big Idea: Obedience is demonstrating outwardly what God has done in Jesus for me and what God is doing through the Holy Spirit in me.

Outline:

1. We work outwardly from a faith rooted in God's ongoing presence
2. We work outwardly the results of what God has done through Jesus
3. We work outwardly what God is doing in me through the Holy Spirit

Applications:

Avoid, Acknowledge, and Engage.

The Attitude of Obedience: Fear and Trembling... and Joy!

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is Paul confident in the ongoing obedience of the Philippian church?
2. How can we be sure our obedience to God is rooted in God Himself (and not merely a person, pastor, parent, or ministry)?
3. How would you paraphrase or explain in your own words the main command of verses 12-13? “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”
4. Why do you think so many people misunderstand Christianity as a religion of salvation by works? How can we as believers help correct this misunderstanding?
5. How would you further describe theologically “God’s work in you” in verse 13?
6. How is God working in you personally and specifically right now? In other words, where is an area you can engage in how God is working in your life?
 - a. Is there a passage of Scripture God is using to water your soul?
 - b. Is there a sinful attitude or habit that God is pruning out of your life?
 - c. Is there a fruit of the Spirit that God is bringing into focus?