

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Philippians 2:12-13

For the week of October 18, 2026

Big Idea: Because God is at work within us, we can actively pursue spiritual growth with humble dependence on Him.

What Does It Say? (Training us to read the text carefully)

1. In verse 12, Paul begins with the word “therefore.” Looking back at verses 5–11, how does Christ’s example of humility and obedience connect to the command Paul gives the Philippians?
2. Paul tells believers to “work *out* your own salvation with fear and trembling.” What does this command mean, and how is it different from working *for* our salvation?
3. In verse 13, what does Paul say God is doing within believers? What is the significance of God working in both our “will” and our “work”?
4. Notice how Paul connects our responsibility in verse 12 with God's activity in verse 13. What does this reveal about the relationship between God's power and our effort in spiritual growth?

How is it expressed at RCC? (Growing in the heart and habits of faith)

1. Spiritual growth requires intentional effort, yet we are completely dependent on God's grace. Where do you tend to lean more toward self-reliance or passivity in your relationship with God?
2. God is at work not only in what we do, but also in what we desire. Where have you seen God changing your desires, affections, or motivations as you've grown in your faith?
3. Paul calls believers to pursue obedience with “fear and trembling.” How can we grow in taking our spiritual growth seriously without losing the joy and assurance we have in Christ?
4. If God is faithfully working within us, what does it look like to actively participate in that work?