

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Philippians 2:14-18

For the week of October 25, 2026

Big Idea: As God transforms us from within, we are called to shine as lights in the world, holding fast to His Word and finding joy in living for Christ.

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

1. In verse 14, Paul commands believers to do “all things without grumbling or disputing.” How does this command connect to what Paul has already taught about humility, unity, and obedience in chapter 2?
2. In verse 15, what words does Paul use to describe God's people, and how does he contrast them with the world around them? What does the imagery of “shining as lights” communicate?
3. Paul calls believers to “hold fast to the word of life” (v. 16). How does this instruction connect to his desire for the Philippians to remain blameless and faithful until the day of Christ?
4. In verses 17–18, what imagery does Paul use to describe his suffering and service? What do you notice about the repeated emphasis on joy and rejoicing despite his circumstances?

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

1. Grumbling and complaining often reveal something deeper about our hearts. What circumstances tend to bring out discontentment in you, and what might that reveal about where you're struggling to trust God?
2. Paul calls believers to shine as lights in a dark world. How can we grow in being distinctly Christlike without withdrawing from the people and culture around us?
3. What does it look like to genuinely “hold fast to the word of life” rather than simply knowing or hearing God's Word? How can we help one another become people whose lives are increasingly shaped by Scripture?
4. Paul rejoices even as his life is being poured out in service to others. What would need to change in our hearts for us to increasingly find joy in sacrificing for Christ and the spiritual good of others?