

Disciples Church

Joy in Sanctification <> Philippians 2:12-18

Week of June 21, 2017

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

1. When God commands us to “work out our salvation”, what is does He mean? In what way has this been misunderstood?
2. Why has God commanded us to work out our salvation or grow in our sanctification? What enables us to do this?
3. Have you ever doubted your faith because of your lack of growth? What were your eyes focused on during this time? How can we avoid the pitfall of doubt but still rightly address our sanctification?
4. What is the “sideways glance” and what are the good benefits and pitfalls of this? Have you ever struggled in your faith because you compared yourself to someone else?
5. What is your trajectory when it comes to sanctification? What changes might you need to make to address this properly?
6. **Stop and pray for a moment.** Ask God to help you keep your eyes focused on Him and His gospel.
7. What are ways you fail to obey the command to “do all things without grumbling or disputing”? How might your foundation for joy affect this?
8. Read Philippians 2:15: What is the goal of loving others more than ourselves, working out our salvation, and obeying without grumbling and disputing? Consider our gospel foundation again and discuss how the truths of the gospel (and God’s work in our hearts) causes us to live in obedience to these commands.
9. Verse 16 begins with “Hold fast to the word of life”. What is this “word of life” and how do we “hold fast” to it?
10. Do you believe that if you give up your life, all the temporary desires you have now, to serve and live for God, that you’ll gain joy?
11. How has God allowed you to take part in His saving of the elect? What changes might you need to make to be doing this work?
12. Take a moment to honestly asses yourselves and your sanctification. Think of ways you may need to grow. Share with each other where your focus has been. Ask each other to help hold you accountable to obedience in regards to tonight’s passage and pray together as a group about these things!