

**Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?**

**Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).**

**If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.**

**We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.**

**Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?**

**Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.**

**WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION**  
**Philippians 2:12-18**

**Main Thought:** We must work out the practical implications of our salvation because God Himself is working in our midst.

1. WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_ SALVATION BEFORE WE CAN WORK IT OUT.

2. SALVATION, FROM START TO FINISH, IS \_\_\_\_\_ WORK.

3. ALTHOUGH SALVATION IS GOD'S WORK, IT REQUIRES \_\_\_\_\_ EFFORT ON OUR PART.

4. SALVATION ALWAYS HAS \_\_\_\_\_ IMPLICATIONS.  
(vv 14-18)

1) Dump the \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Shine \_\_\_\_\_ light.

3) Life can be \_\_\_\_\_ but hold onto joy.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read Philippians 2:12-18 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What is the context of verses 12-18? What is the "therefore" there for?

3. What does it mean to "work out your salvation"? What doesn't it mean to "work out your salvation"? (See also Ephesians 2:8-9)

4. How does fear and trembling factor into the process of working out our salvation?

5. What part does God play and what part do we play in working out our salvation?

6. What are the practical implications of working out our salvation according to verses 14-18?

7. Why is grumbling and complaining to be avoided as we serve the Lord?

8. What's the ultimate goal of working out our salvation? (v 15)

9. Why is it important that we keep working out our salvation according to verse 15?

10. How is your faith in Christ shining through your life?

11. How can we maintain a joyful attitude even in the midst of persecution and difficult times?