

## Philippians | Partnership in a Grumbly World 10/22/2023

## **Reflect + Discuss**

- Who is someone in your life you look up to and want to become more like? This could be someone you may or may not know personally. What qualities do they have that you want to emulate?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Read Philippians 2:12-13. Paul believes that we are saved by grace, not by our works. Do you ever find yourself feeling like you need to earn your salvation? What does it mean to 'work out your salvation'? How is our transformation a partnership between us and God?
- Read Philippians 2:14-15. How does grumbling get in the way of humility? How does it get in the way of unity? Are there areas in your life where you are struggling to not grumble? Share an example with the group if you are comfortable.
- Read Philippians 2:15-16. Have you experienced the Holy Spirit transforming you in some way? Is there an area in your life currently that you long to be transformed by God? How is that going for you?
- Transformation doesn't take place overnight. What are some practical steps we can take to experience real transformation? How can we balance striving to experience change in our lives while relying on God's power? Are there ways we can support one another on the journey of transformation?

## Pray

- Pray that God will help us in our process of transformation. Pray that God will continue to shape us as individuals and as a community to be gracious with one another, filled with compassion, and able to shine brightly in a dark world.

## **Next Steps**

- Invest time in memorizing Paul's prayer, which is Philippians 1:9-11. Make a plan to memorize these verses on your own, or with your group.
- Check out the <u>resources page</u> for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out <u>courses</u> for the fall.