



SESSION 4 | OBEDIENT IN CHRIST

Obedient in Christ (Philippians 2:12-30)

If God forgives all my sin, why does it matter how I live ?



Watch Film

Obedient in Christ

- Just as Jesus obeyed his Father, so we must obey our Father too.
- This obedience mustn't be an attempt to earn our salvation. Jesus already earned it for us. Paul says, "work *out* your salvation" (Philippians 2:12), not "work *for* salvation"
- Religion says, 'I obey, therefore I'm accepted.' Christianity says, I'm accepted, therefore I obey.'"
- "Working out your salvation" means acting in line with salvation. It means obeying Christ.
- Living obediently will make us "shine... like stars" (Philippians 2:15), so that others might be attracted to Christ.
- We should be disciple-making disciples. Real disciples of Jesus want to tell others about him. As Jesus said, "The mouth speaks what the heart is full of" (Luke 6:45)

The word of life (v 16) | The word of life is Scripture; God's word; the good news about Jesus. In 1 John 1:1, Jesus is described as "the Word of life."

Drink Offering... sacrifice (v17) | In Old Testament times, an offering of wine or water was poured on top of an animal sacrifice presented to God. Paul imagines his life as a "drink offering" poured out on top of the Philippians' sacrificial service of others.

The day of Christ (v 16) | The day when Jesus Christ will return to judge the world.



Read Philippians 2:12-30



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DISCIPLESHIP | EXPLORED



Discussion Questions

1. Someone might say, "Jesus forgives all my sin- past, present, and future. So it doesn't really matter how I live." What would Paul say to them, based on Philippians 2:12?

2. Why do we do this "with and trembling? (See verse 13.)

3. What is it that enables us to shine "like stars in the sky," according to verses 14-16?

4. Why do you think Paul talks about his friend Timothy and Epaphroditus here in verses 19-30? How do they shine like stars?

5. Jesus commanded his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). He also said, "The mouth speaks what the heart is full of" (Luke 6:45). How does the second quote help us to obey the first?

6. This week, what are some practical ways we can fill our hearts with Jesus Christ so that we can help to "make disciples" of others?

7. What has been most striking for you during this session?



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Follow Up: In Philippians 2:16, Paul tells the Philippians to “hold firmly to the word of life.” As we hear and obey God’s word, we become more like Christ. This weeks Follow up activities focus on the theme of the Bible.

Sunday: Think over what you heard in church this week. What did you find most helpful?

Day 1: Philippians 2:12-30

If you can, memorize this key verse: “Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you and will act in order to fulfil good purpose.” (Philippians 2:13-13)

Day 2: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Here, Paul is writing to Timothy, the younger evangelist who helped him start the church in Philippi.

1. Look at verse 15. What are the “Holy Scriptures” able to do?
2. Paul wrote these words to Timothy. But where does Scripture ultimately come from? (see verse 16)
3. What does Scripture equip a Christian to do? (see verse 16)
4. Look at verse 17. Why should we read the Bible?

Thank God that he reveals himself to you through his word. Ask him to help you know him better each day, and to be excited by the things he shows you as you read the word he has breathed out.

Day 3: “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

God’s word guides and makes us wise. It helps us know the right choices to make, and the right way to think and live. Ask God to help you trust it more and more over the coming months

Day 4: Psalm 19:7-8

This Psalm is written by David, a famous king of Israel, hundreds of years before Jesus was born.

1. What words are used to describe “the law/statutes of the Lord” (God’s word) in verse 7?
2. What effect will God’s word have on us if we read it? (See verse 7)
3. What words are used to describe God’s word in verse 8?
4. How will God’s word impact us if we read and obey it (See verse 8)?

Read the rest of Psalm 19 and notice all the wonderful ways in which God’s word is described. Use the words of the Psalm to pray your own prayer.

Day 5: Re-read the passages you’ve read this week. Pick a verse you found particularly helpful and write it down

Day 6: Get ready for Discipleship Explored by reading Philippians 3:1-9.