



Letting Your Light Shine

10 minutes – Greeting & Fellowship

- Light refreshments (optional)
- Welcoming and Introducing new members or visitors to the Group
- Sharing upcoming events (Conferences, Seminars, Network Meetings, etc.)

20 minutes – This Week’s Discussion

Objective: To learn that we live a life that requires obedient faith and disciple making, that will shine brightly in the world in which we live.

Read Philippians 2:12 - 13 - The Fruit of Obedient Faith!

- Paul refers to the believers in Philippi as his beloved and encourages them to walk in obedience.
- In speaking on obedience, it is clear that as believers, they and we should be obedient to the faith, whether those who disciple us are present or not!
- The phrase “work out your own salvation” is not limited to just each believer individually, but also to the corporate congregation of believers. We are to strive individually and together, encouraging each other to continue running faithfully the race of our faith!
- We run the race of our faith in awe and wonder of God, knowing that He is working in and through us to accomplish His Good Pleasure!

Read Philippians 2:14 - 2:16a - Lights in the World!

- When we walk out our faith in obedience, we have the opportunity to be Lights in the World!
- The “fuel” for the light, however may not always easy to come by... It requires doing all things without grumbling, being blameless and without blemish in this crooked and twisted generation!
- Holding fast to a lifestyle that exhibits these characteristics is NOT easy and can become discouraging at times. This is another reason that we must remain in relationships with fellow believers that we encourage and challenge us - as iron sharpens iron!
- The world is watching, the world is searching for a ray of hope and we have the Light within us that radiates even brighter in times of struggle and testing - Let your Light Shine!
- We have the Power of the Holy Spirit at work within us and we carry the message that is the Power of God to Salvation - the Gospel!

Read Philippians 2:16b - 2:18 - Joy in Leading!

- The second part of verse 16 begins the transition into Paul’s intent to show that the faithfulness of believers is fruitful to those who disciplined them!
- Leaders should know they have not labored in vain when discipling us, they should feel honored and fruitful in their time and ministry, seeing believers bear Godly fruit.
- Leaders should feel so fulfilled in their mission that even martyrdom is worth the fight - rejoice together! Leaders and disciple makers should rejoice with each other in our fruit bearing lives!



20 minutes – This Week’s Discussion Questions

Question 1: Discuss the difficulties we may face in remaining obedient to the faith, if no leadership is around to encourage and keep an eye on us. What are some of the key areas we can struggle?

- First and foremost, we should always remember that even when leaders are not around - God is all knowing and ever present - so He knows and sees all!
- This is an area that may be easy to deny, but just as natural children will test boundaries if they do not see or hear their parents, so can spiritual children act in the same manner.
- When we realize that our character goes beyond someone watching and keeping us accountable, we are able to experience true growth in our faith!

Question 2: With the state of the world today, what kind of impact could we have for the Kingdom of God, if we truly lived our lives shining as Godly Light?

- We are living in a time that there is great bitterness, confusion and division. The Gospel is the only answer to the problems and questions that the world has, it will accomplish what no law or activist event ever will!
- We are carriers of the message that can bring healing and unity, while exposing those who truly have no desire to live in a Godly manner!
- We must walk boldly and confidently in the Holy Spirit, letting our Light shine brightly in darkness!

Question 3: In discussing remaining obedient and faithful, even when no one is around to keep us accountable - what are some of the important tools we have to continue in obedient faith?

- The Holy Spirit - The Word of God - Prayer - The Body of Christ!
- It really is that simple, if we institute those basics of the faith into our lives daily, we will remain accountable and faithful even when no one is there!

10 minutes – Closing in Prayer

- Pray that each person learn and apply a lifestyle based on our lesson
- Pray that the group keeps each other accountable in doing so
- Pray prayers of agreement with individuals with prayer requests
- Close with a prayer that everything be sealed by the Holy Spirit and for safety in traveling

Post Meeting Fellowship

- Leader should collect contact information from any new attendees
- Time of Post Meeting Fellowship does not have to be restrictive but held within reason
- Good time to share testimonies
- Be sure no one feels they are *obligated* to stay if they need to go

Dismiss the Group

- Post meeting – Leader should log in to Connect Leader’s Web Report and enter attendance and any new member or visitor information then submit the data