

Complete Joy
Week 8 – Shine Bright

Transition: In last week's text, Paul commanded the Philippians to put their salvation into action, knowing that it was God who supplied the strength and desire for them to do so.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Paul exhorts the Phillipians to shine as lights rather than getting entagled in grumbling and arguing. He then describes two incredible Christian men of character and selflessness, who both shined brightly.

Opening Questions:

- What is something you had to do recently that you really didn't feel like doing? Did you do it with or without complaining?
- What helps you stay motivated when you are doing something that feels unnoticed or unappreciated?

Scripture/Storying: Philippians 2:14-30

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- What usually tempts you to get on the complain train? What does grumbling and disputing reveal about a person's heart? Why do you think grumbling and disputing hinders the believer's witness? How can holding fast to the word of life help you avoid the trap of grumbling and disputing?
- What life situations test your ability to shine as a light? Why does your workplace, school, home, need you to shine as a light? How can you shine as a light when someone takes offense at the Christian faith?
- What challenges you most when it comes to being concerned for the welfare of others? Whose wellbeing is God placing on your heart and how can your small group pray for them?
- What does honoring those who sacrifice much for Jesus look like to you? Why should we honor those who make great sacrifices for Jesus? How is God leading you to honor those who make great sacrifices for the work of Christ?
- What might taking a risk for Christ look like in your current context? Why is taking a risk for Christ challenging to you? Where do feel God calling you to take a risk for him in this season of your life?

Prayer time: GreenHouse Church

- Pray for GreenHouse Church as they begin weekly services in Lenoir City