

## Student - Cell Group Discipleship Study Guide

### Subject: Work It Out!

**Scripture:** Phil. 2:12-16 - *12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. 14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life — in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.* (NIV)

**Scripture Content** - As we come to our text, Paul reminds the believers at Philippi to let God do a great work in them (internal fruit) and through them (external fruit).

**Objective: Goal:** The goal of this lesson is to help us understand Christ wants to do a work within us (fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-23) and through us (Service to others - Eph. 2:10). **Challenge:** Allow God to give us the motivation to practice good discipleship habits (prayer, reading the Word, serving, etc). **Benefit:** We'll grow in our character and become a better servant of the Lord.

### Message from the Passage to Rising Star

**A. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (V. 12).** *12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,*

- What does Paul mean by the phrase “work out your salvation?”

**B. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (V. 13).** *13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

- Who provides motivation for the ministry?

- What motivates you? What do you enjoy doing?

**C. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs. 14-16).**

**1. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (V. 14).** *14 Do everything without complaining or arguing,*

How is your speech? Is it primarily negative or positive? What are some of the things you complain about? What can you do instead?

**2. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (V. 15).** *15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe*

How would you define character? How is your character? Do you practice what you preach to others?

**3. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (V. 16).** *16 as you hold out the word of life — in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.*

How is your conduct? Do you conduct yourself as a Christian?

### Application

1. What will you do this week in order to work out or live out your salvation?
2. What do you feel the most passionate about and what will you do about it this week?
3. What bad behavior will you work on this week?

We are growing **Warmer** through **Fellowship**, **Deeper** through **Discipleship**, **Stronger** through **Worship**, **Broader** through **Ministry**, **Larger** through **Evangelism**, **Healthier** and **Wealthier** through **Stewardship**. (Acts 2:41-47)

**Memory Verse:** Phil. 2:5 - *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.* (NKJV)