

ROOTED: ***Being and Making Disciples***

Working It Out
Philippians 2:12-13
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...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. - Philippians 2:12-13

I. OUR OWN SALVATION

- Salvation is corporate. Salvation is also individual. It is broad and it is specific in its application (Luke 12:6-8; John 9:35-38, 10:27; Rom. 10:10-13; Heb. 2:1-4; 1 Peter 1:10).
- The Philippians had a habit of obeying Paul's exhortations. Now he calls them to be obedient in the task of sanctification (Vs. 12).
- Salvation is one-sided. Sanctification is two-sided. Discipleship is applied sanctification.
- It pleases God to work in us, and to see that work bear fruit (Vs. 13; 1 Tim. 5:4; Heb. 13:20-21).

II. WORKING IT OUT

1. Dive into God's word (Acts 17:11).
2. Practice prayer (Eph. 6:18-20; 1 Thess. 5:17).
3. Practice submission (Eph. 5:21).
4. Be bold. Ask someone to disciple you.
5. Be kind. Make time. Disciple someone.
6. Get ahold of good resources.
7. Ask God to plant a desire within you for growth.

III. OPPORTUNITIES

1. Discipleship courses through LifePoint
2. Life Groups
3. Book Studies
4. Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Thursday morning study, MUM's, Student Ministries, Campus Outreach, informal study groups, one-on-one studies, family devotions
5. Indianapolis Theological Seminary
6. Online studies
7. You, the Bible, and a good commentary

KNOW: Discipleship is about obedience and submission. Being mastered and being quiet. Effort and surrender.

DO: Get busy. Start discipling.

Suggested Reading:

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer (LifePoint Library #248.4 TOZ).

Everyday Discipling by Michael Kramer (Available in the LifePoint Library)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Philippians 2:12-13

1. What is Paul wanting from the Philippians here?
2. What must they do?
3. How should they go about it?
4. If you are not making time for discipleship, what is it that keeps you from being disciplined/discipling others? Talk about some possible solutions to this with your group.
5. What are the possible repercussions for a Christian who chooses not to involve themselves in the discipling task?
6. What did we miss in this series? What are some other aspects concerning discipleship that we could have addressed?
7. Talk about how discipleship will look for you in the near future.