

# COMMUNITYGROUP

The Absolute Necessity of the Body of Christ | Philippians 2:12-13

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① **How did our time in the Word on Sunday help you to better understand Philippians 2:12-13?**

- *How were you encouraged to live for Jesus because of what was preached on Sunday?*

② **Why do you struggle with statements like “work out your own salvation”?**

- *Does this reveal that we have overemphasized some gospel truths to the neglect of this one? What gospel truth do we talk about more today? Why?*
- *What is sanctification and why is sanctification essential to a right understanding of the gospel?*

③ **Why is “fearing God” not talked about in so many Christian circles?**

- *What does it mean to fear God (Proverbs 1:7, Psalm 2:11, & Hebrews 12:28-29 might be a good place to start)?*
- *Why is it necessary to fear God for both justification & sanctification?*
- *Why is fearing God essential to living for God?*

④ **Read v.13 as a group - why is it good news that God is at work in you?**

- *How does “work out your own salvation” and “it is God who works in you” go together?*
- *What are the ways that “God works in you”?*
- *Does this mean you can be passive in your pursuit of God?*

⑤ **How is the Body of Christ one of the primary ways that God is at work in you?**

- *As a group, read Hebrews 10:23-25, Hebrews 3:12-14, & 1 Corinthians 12:4-7. Why did God give you the Body of Christ?*

- *Why is it foolish to think that you can “work out your own salvation” on your own apart from the body of Christ?*

⑥ **What would it look like for you to “work out your own salvation” in the context of Christian community?**

- *Are you willing to create the time for the sake of obedience to the Gospel?*
- *Are you willing to begin letting others in for the sake of obedience to the Gospel?*
- *Are you willing to let “God work in you” through the good gift of the Body of Christ?*