

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: Rejoice! (A Study of Philippians)
Sermon: Working Out What God is Working In You
Scripture: Philippians 2:5b-18

Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing,¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Reflection Questions:

- How does reflecting on Jesus (Phil 2:5-11) change the way we live?
- Where do you see God at work in you? How can you partner with Him in that work?
- In what specific relationships or situations is God calling you to “work out” your salvation through patience, forgiveness, or unity?
- How does the certainty of Christ’s exaltation (Phil. 2:9–11) shape the way you endure hardship or pressure?
- What might it look like for you to live with “fear and trembling”—not as anxiety, but as reverent awe before King Jesus who reigns and works within you?

Guided Prayer:

Praise Jesus using the specific words from Philippians 2:5-11. Take a moment to praise Him for each phrase. Ask God to help you to see where He is at work in your life. Repent of the ways you have not obeyed. Ask Him to empower you to live out your faith. Ask God to help you to live “for His good pleasure” (2:13). In Jesus’ Name, Amen.