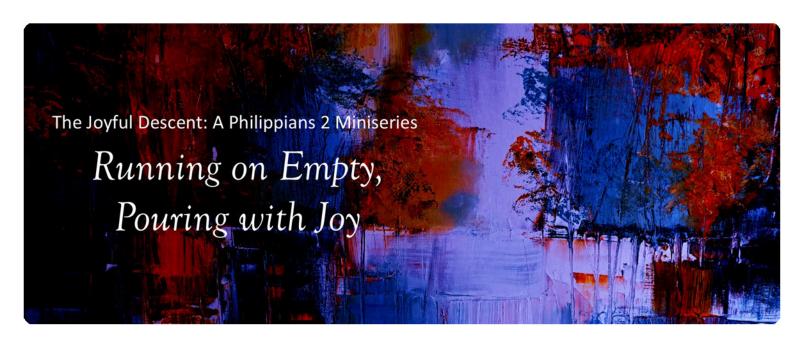


Life Group Sermon Guide Questions 29 JUNF 2025



Philippians 2:12-18

Discovery

- 1) In verses 12-13, Paul connects our "working out" with God's "working in." What is the specific action we are told to do, and what is the specific action God is doing in us?
- 2) Looking at verses 14-16, what is the ultimate purpose or result of a community that does everything "without grumbling or disputing"?

Understanding

3) The sermon linked Israel's grumbling in the wilderness to a "vote of no-confidence in Yahweh." How does this perspective elevate the command against grumbling from simple good manners to a core issue of faith and trust in God's goodness?

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4) Paul describes his potential death as being "poured out as a drink offering" (v. 17), and he calls it a reason for joy. What does this metaphor teach us about where to find joy when our own resources—emotional, physical, or financial—are completely spent for others?

Application

- 5) If a "complaint-free" life is a primary sign of our witness, what is one specific situation or relationship where you can intentionally silence grumbling and choose gratitude this week?
- 6) The sermon provided a six-step model for a genuine apology as a way of being "poured out." Is there a relationship where God is calling you to take even just the first step ("State the Offense") to begin the work of reconciliation?
- 7) The balikbayan box symbolizes being poured out for the joy of others. What is one practical, costly "item" (your time, a resource, a specific service) God is prompting you to "pack" for someone else this week, not for recognition, of course, but for their joy and your witness?

