

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Immature”
Complement to lesson on 10/25/2020 – “A Mature Concern”**

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What is your favorite kind of exercise?
2. Would you rather swim one mile, run 30 miles or bike 150 miles?

MEMORIZE – Philippians 1: 9-11

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

READ Philippians 2: 12-30

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn't you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
(hint: how many times do you see joy/glad or send? What is this saying?)
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. In verse 25 Paul calls Epaphroditus a “brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier.”
 - a. Take time and dwell on what it means to be a brother, worker and soldier
 - b. What is the significance of Paul calling him a “fellow” worker and soldier?
 - c. Does your life reflect the identity of a sibling, fellow worker and fellow soldier of Paul? If so, how? If not, what needs to change?
5. Thinking about our identity as a soldier, look up 2nd Timothy 2: 1-7.
 - a. How are these verses line up with what Paul is saying to the Philippians?
 - b. Based on your past week (your words, thoughts and actions), how well are you doing as a soldier for Christ? In what ways are you entangled in civilian affairs and what would it look like to re-focus on serving Christ in those areas?

Experiential activity – Spiritual Work Out

Paul tells the Philippians to “**work out** their salvation with fear and trembling.” This doesn’t mean to earn their salvation as he precedes that statement with the truth that it is “God who works in you to will and to act.” He is reminding them that God did His part, now focus on your part. God does the input, we do the output. With that in mind, create a spiritual work out plan for the coming week to intentionally “work out” your salvation.

Here are some tips for building your workout plan:

1. Workout with others. Do this workout with your spouse, your family, friend or neighbor
2. Be sure to hit multiple areas: bible reading, prayer, serving others, hospitality, celebration
3. Most important part ... don’t just create a plan, do it!
4. As with a bodily work out, think and focus long term. Though this is a plan for the week, make it something you can continue in for 8 weeks

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

No Longer Slaves - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QigyB50yGw>

Make War - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poF4QsiPwtM>

Onward Christian Soldiers – Mennonite Hymnal #591

I’m a Soldier in the Army of the Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWxeaikIY9s> (for kids)

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As God works in you this week to will and to work, may you work out your salvation by living out more and more in the areas you live, work and play. For the good of others, the Glory of God, and the advancement of his gospel.