



Small Group Discussion Questions Following Sunday, September 6, 2020

Please don't feel you have to answer every question.

Work Out Your Salvation **Mariana Wakefield,** **Communications & Teaching Team Member**

Icebreaker

We're now on the other side of Labor Day weekend, if you can believe it?!?

What's your favorite memory from this past Summer?

What are you most looking forward to between now and the end of 2020?

Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Philippians 2:12-13 a couple of times, in different Bible translations if possible.

What words, phrases, or insights stand out to you from these verses, or create some intrigue for you?

What uniquely spoke to you from Mariana Wakefield's message on these verses on Sunday?

Why is it important that we distinguish between working out our salvation and working for our salvation? (verse 12)

In what ways did Mariana's illustration of being a fully engaged member of a sports team help you better understand this distinction?

In your life, what things interfere the most in working out your salvation day in and day out?

As you think back over your life as a Christ-follower, has obedience been a joy or something else? (verse 12) Why is this?

How does our view of God make a difference when it comes to living for Him and obeying Him, even in difficult seasons? (verse 12)

When it talks about "fear and trembling" as motivations for working out our salvation, what does it mean and not mean?

Do you find this to be inspiring or intimidating? Explain.

Read aloud Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT):

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

How do these verses help us grasp what's at the heart of working out our salvation as believers?

In practical terms, what does it look like for this to be occurring in a believer's life?

Look again at Philippians 2:13. What are the implications of this verse when we consider the process of working out our salvation and the invitation to obedience?

How does Psalm 37:4 speak to what God is really going after when it comes to us following Him, and what does this mean?

What is God inspiring within you as a result of this week's message and group discussion, and what are you going to do about it?

Conclude by praying for one another in applying this week's insights and Spirit-promptings, as well as for general needs and concerns.

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