



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

January 1, 2023



GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the text of scripture together.

1. Jonathan showed how salvation and sanctification are a package deal. He also showed how they are both past, present, and future realities. How does this comfort or encourage you?

2. Why do you think God set it up this way - a slow, gradual process of becoming like Jesus? Why do you think he didn't just completely transform you right then and there?

3. Do you ever feel like you won't ever change? Jonathan gave two possibilities to your lack of growth: you aren't saved or you are lazy. Discuss.

4. Read Romans 6:10-23. Pick out 1 or 2 things each that feel empowering to you in your walk with Christ and share them.

6. We work out what God is working in us. Have you experienced this before? What is it like?

7. Where in your life do you sense the Spirit is leading you to get to work? Commit to one another that you are going to actually do it. Check in with each other throughout the week on how those commitments are going.

Pray. Pray for the Spirit of God to move in your hearts with power and conviction that leads to walking in newness of life.

## SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-13

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in 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,<sup>[c]</sup> 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.

## DISCUSSION NOTES