18 February 2024 MACC Digging Deeper Philippians 2:12-18 Elder Rick Noonan

Day 1

Pray to God, confess your sins, and ask for His help. As you dig deeper into His word this week, consider using a journal to write down the ideas and questions He has for you as you study. Read Philippians 2:12-18. What do you think it means for us to "work hard" so that God is "working in you"? What do we need to do? What does that look like for others watching us? See Romans 12:9-13. Also, check out Proverbs 21:5.

Day2

Pray to God about what he wants you to learn as you study in His word digging deeper into the verses from Sunday's message. Again, read Philippians 2:12-18. God tells us that this hard work will be for His good pleasure. What do you think he is looking for from us, for God to find pleasure in our work?

Day3

Pray to God as you learn from His word today. Is there someone you need to reconnect with whom you haven't spoken to in a long time? Send them a text, give them a call, and ask them how they are doing and what you can do for them. Read Philippians 2:12-18. We are instructed here to not do anything with grumbling and complaining. Does that mean it is never ok to ever complain, even when life is hard? What ideas can you think of (thoughts, actions, behaviors) to help curtail our grumblings, even when life is sometimes hard? See James 5:8-12.

Day 4

Find a quiet place to settle your body, mind, and spirit. Pray for God's help during this digging deeper study time. Write down what the Holy Spirit brings to your heart and mind. Write everything down in your journal for reflection and study. Read Philippians 2:12-18. Why is it important for us to be seen "not grumbling" when amid the crooked and broken world? Is it ok for us to sequester ourselves away from the crass and sinful world? See also 1 Peter 2:1-3.

Day 5

Pray for others in your life. Ask God how is He nudging you to come alongside them with kindness, compassion, and joy. Read Philippians 2:12-18. Paul uses words and phrases like "run the race" and "labor in vain". What is the key takeaway here for us in how we seek the Lord? Check out Hebrews 12:1-4 & Jude :24