



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 8/23/26

Opener (10 minutes or less)

Would you rather be a lion in the wild or a house cat?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:12-18

Questions:

1. How do you hold these two truths together in v.12 (our responsibility and God's empowering work) in everyday life?
2. What does "working out your salvation with fear and trembling" look like in practical terms for you right now?
3. How does viewing this as a shared, community responsibility (rather than just an individual one) change the way we pursue growth and obedience together as a church?
4. How can a healthy reverence for God strengthen unity rather than create pressure or division among us?
5. Why do grumbling (or complaining) and arguing pose such a serious threat to church unity? In what specific ways have you seen (or experienced) these attitudes damage relationships within a Christian community?
6. In what areas of life (home, work, church, relationships) do you find grumbling or arguing most tempting?
7. How does holding firmly to Scripture together protect and deepen church unity? What happens when a community loses its shared grip on the word of life?
8. What would it look like for us to rejoice together in the midst of costly obedience?

PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Philippians 2:12-18

¹²Therefore, 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, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.