



# 'Shine like stars'

Philippians 2:12-18

## Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

- Jesus is the supreme example to us—and the Philippians have followed that (v12). How would this encouragement, and the command to continue (v12) make you feel, if Paul was saying that to you?
- What is the difference between '*continuing to work out salvation*' and 'earning' it?
- Think about the analogy of running. What does it take to '*continue to work out*'? Are we prepared for this in our spiritual lives?
- What does '*with fear and trembling*' mean/not mean (see 4v6)?
- Do you trust that God's will/purpose that he is working in you is for you good? When is that hard to believe?
- How does complaining and arguing hinder our discipleship?(v14-15)
- Think of our world. In what ways does, or could the church 'shine' like stars?
- How does it require us to 'hold on to' as well as 'hold out' the word of life in order to shine like stars? (v15-16)
- Who do you know as a great encourager to you?

Pray that we would shine like stars, and encourage others to do the same.