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THEME: TRANSFORMATION - NEW RESPONSIBILITIES - Life application

PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

## LAUNCH

Can you remember a time when a significant person left you alone or with friends and your behaviour went downhill as a result? What happened?

Can you remember an important event when you were 'in fear and trembling' (like a wedding or key event). How did you feel and is this anything like how you should feel about your salvation?

## DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

What does the word '*salvation*' mean (vs 12)? Why might it qualify as '*the most important word in the New Testament*'?

What does Paul mean by telling his readers to '*work out your salvation with fear and trembling*'? Have you applied this to your own life? In what ways?

How do you react to the possibility of having '*a saved soul and a wasted life*' (a life worth living)? How do think Paul would advise someone who felt that this description applied to them?

Why do many people '*fear to trust God with their futures*' (p50)? Why are such fears groundless?

What is '*crooked and depraved*' about modern society (p50)? In what ways is the situation different today from that in the past?

What sort of situations lead you towards a state of grumbling and complaining? How can you spot the triggers and go about neutralising them?

In what ways should the lives of Christians be '*noticeably different from those around them*'? Have you met anyone whose attitude was noticeably different? Did you feel challenged? In what way?

*'Ministry is pouring ourselves out for others'* (A life worth living). In what ways have you experienced this & how is the Spirit challenging you to continue to pour out your life for others?

## APPLICATION

Pray to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, live your lives without grumbling and complaining and pour your lives out for others.

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