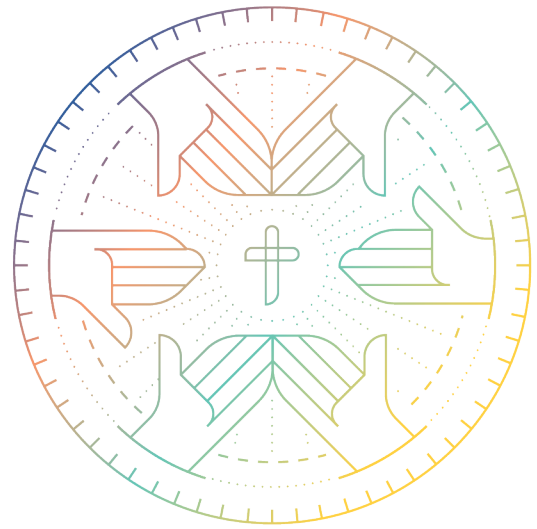


# Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

\_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus: "Shine Your Light"  
Scripture Focus: Philippians 2:12-18

## ICEBREAKER

Can you think of someone whose attitude or presence brings light into a room? What makes them that way?

Who is someone whose joy or attitude has had a positive influence on you? What made it so impactful?

## INTRODUCTION

Following Jesus is more than making a one-time decision—it is becoming the person God created you to be. As we cooperate with His work through obedience, choosing joy, and living differently from the world around us, our lives become a light that points others to Jesus.

**What stood out to you most from this week's message?**

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Philippians 2:12–13, Ezekiel 36:26–27, and Ephesians 2:8–10.** Paul tells believers to "work out" their salvation because God is already at work within them. What do you think is the difference between working **for** your salvation and working **out** your salvation? Where is God inviting you to be more intentional in your obedience right now?

**Read Philippians 2:14–16, Matthew 5:14–16, and Daniel 12:3.** Paul says believers should "shine as lights in the world." Why do you think Paul specifically connects shining with refusing to complain or argue? What are some practical ways Christians can stand out as lights in today's culture without becoming harsh or self-righteous?

**Read Philippians 2:17–18, Romans 15:13, and James 1:2–4.** Paul speaks about rejoicing even while facing suffering and sacrifice. How would you describe the difference between happiness and biblical joy? When have you experienced joy even during a difficult season?

## EMBRACE AND EMBODY

**Living like Jesus means:**

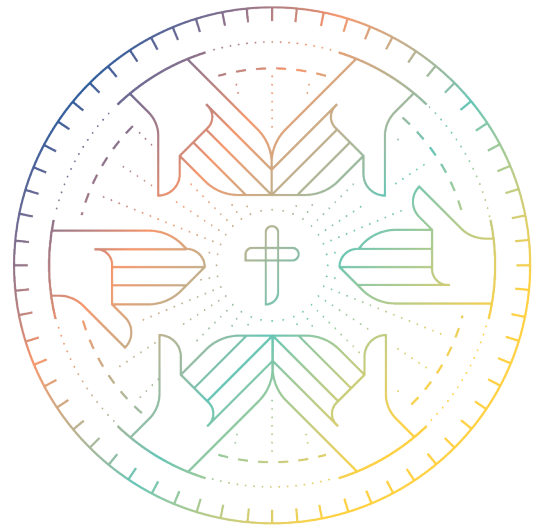
- Choosing daily obedience as God shapes your character.
- Shining brightly by reflecting Christ's attitude in everyday life.
- Holding firmly to God's Word in a culture that often pulls us away from Him.
- Living with a deep, enduring joy rooted in God's faithfulness.

**As a group, discuss the following questions:**

- Where is God asking you to take a step of obedience that you've been delaying?
- If the people closest to you described your attitude this past week, would they say you brought more light or more negativity into their lives? Why?
- What is one situation where God is inviting you to choose joy and trust instead of complaining or discouragement?

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## TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

*(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)*

- **Seek God Daily:** Read Philippians 2:12–18 each day this week and ask God to reveal one area where He wants to shape your character.
- **Make God Known:** Choose one situation this week where you intentionally replace complaining with gratitude and encouragement.
- **Worship God:** Spend time thanking God for continuing to work in your life, trusting that He is making you more like Jesus and surrender anything that is inhibiting your joy.  
**Build Deep Relationships:** Plan to spend time with your small group or another believer and notice how joy is contagious. Be intentional to bring joy to others throughout your week.

## OPTIONAL GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE

Give everyone a few moments of silence and ask them to reflect on this question:

**"Where is God inviting me to shine more brightly for Him?"**

Invite each person to silently surrender that area to God. Then pray together, asking the Holy Spirit to strengthen your obedience, replace complaining with gratitude, fill you with joy, and help your lives point others to Jesus.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Father, thank You for loving us enough to continue Your work in us each day. Help us respond with willing obedience as You shape us into the people You created us to be. Teach us to shine brightly through our words, attitudes, and actions so others would see Jesus in us. Fill us with lasting joy that comes from trusting You, regardless of our circumstances. In Jesus' name, Amen.*