

Shining as Stars - Philippians 2:12-18

Topics: Arguments, Believers, Complaining, God, Jesus Christ, Joy, Obedience, People, Sacrifice, Salvation, Serving, Sin, Witnessing, Work

Open It

1. Would you prefer to explore the universe aboard a spacecraft or looking through a powerful telescope? Why?
2. What do you most enjoy about the nighttime sky?
3. What is the most frequent complaint you hear?
- * 4. Who pointed the way for you in your first job?

Explore It

- * 5. What did the Philippian Christians need to obey? (2:12)
6. What were the Philippian believers to work out? (2:12-13)
7. How would God help the Philippians obey Him? (2:12-13)
8. What instructions did Paul give in relation to everyday Christian living? (2:14-16)
- * 9. Why were the Philippians not shining “like stars” in their world? (2:14-16)
10. Why did the Philippian assembly need to show a united front to unbelievers? (2:14-16)
11. What would enable Paul to boast about the Philippians? (2:14-16)
12. Whose honor was Paul concerned about? (2:16)
- * 13. How did Paul view his own life? (2:17)
14. How did Paul view the faith of the Philippian believers? (2:17)
15. What did Paul want his friends at Philippi to experience? (2:18)

Get It

16. What does it mean “to work out your salvation with fear and trembling”?
17. What do you tend to complain and argue about?
- * 18. What godly qualities make Christians “shine like stars”?
- * 19. How does shining for Christ encourage others to be drawn to Him?
20. What Christian leader has personally invested in your growth as a follower of Christ?
21. How can you help new believers “shine like stars” for God’s kingdom?

Apply It

22. In what situations this week do you need to make a conscious effort not to complain or argue?
- * 23. Before whom do you want to shine in your place of work or neighborhood? In what ways can you do so?
24. What sacrifices can you make for the sake of others today?