



WEEK FOUR

DAY THREE

Below you will see an excerpt from Paul's letter to the Philippians. It's from Philippians chapter 2, and it's pretty great. It's extremely instructive for us this week as we learn all about living as people whose lives shine bright.

Look at the passage below:

Philippians 2:14-16

[14] Do all things without grumbling or disputing, [15] that 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, [16] holding 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.

I want you to do something. In the space below, I want you to write "shine as lights in the world."

That is how Paul describes living a life of impact for the Kingdom of God: shining like lights. He gives us the purpose of this in vs. 16. Paul says that when it's all over, when Jesus comes back and calls His people to dwell with Him forever, Paul wants to see people who his words have influenced. Living authentic lives for Christ. He wants to know that his life counted for something. (I don't know how everything will work when it all comes to a head, but I hope Paul gets the chance to realize it's been way more than just the Philippian church he influenced!)

Paul gives us a really good look at exactly HOW to shine as lights in our world. Let's unpack this and then come up with what we think this means practically. On the next page, you'll see some of the phrases Paul used to describe what it looks like to shine your light in the world. For each one, your challenge is to brainstorm what this looks like for you in your life.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing. (vs. 14)

What does this mean for you practically?

Be blameless in the midst of a lost world. (vs. 15)

What does this mean for you practically?

Hold fast to the word of life. (vs. 16)

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