



If we were to summarize the theme of Philippians 1 it would be: *Christ first*, and the theme of Philippians 2 would be: *others next*. Paul realized that the generation in which he was living was a crooked and warped generation. He knew that if the local church obeyed the truth of God and lived it out in their community it would naturally result in opportunities to serve others. Paul longed for the early church to be a light in a dark world. Knowing this he encouraged them to have a relentless commitment to become like Christ, to reflect a joy that reflects Christ, and to live out a sacrificial love for others.

1. Doug taught us that the Luxor light in Las Vegas is the brightest light in the entire world. The light can be seen from 300 miles away. How can we be a brighter light in our homes, neighborhood, community, and workplace for Christ?
2. **Read Philippians 2:12-13.** Paul encouraged the church to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. None of us can work FOR our salvation, but how do we play an active role in growing in our faith? (See **Psalm 5:3, Mark 1:35, Acts 2:42-47.**)
3. Paul taught the church that it was God working in them. As you think about maturing in your faith, share about how you've seen God fulfill His good purpose in your life. It might be something that happened years ago or recently.
4. We are called to do everything without complaining or arguing (**Philippians 2:14-18**). What is something that you have been complaining about lately and you need to stop complaining about it because it's not solving the problem?
5. Scripture calls us to be holy because God is holy. **Read 1 Peter 1:15-16.** What does it look like to be blameless and pure in a crooked generation? How can you lean into God when you're struggling with being holy? (See **Romans 8:26.**)
6. **Read Philippians 2:19-30.** We read about early church leaders who put the needs of others before their personal needs. They modeled a sacrificial love to those around them. How can we live that same lifestyle? (See **1 John 4:16-21, 5:3.**)
7. The church in Philippi was marked by a deep concern for the needs of others. Compare their attitude with the parable in **Luke 12:16-21.** As you think about your life, who do you want to be more like?
8. Close your time in prayer by praying for Young Life.