Bon Appétit Course 3: Main Course – Explain Philippians 2:12-16 David Bawks - Pathway Community Church (Feb 21, 2021)

Philippians 2:12-16:

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. 14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. NIV

1. What is the main point?

As we work out our salvation, we must live in harmony resulting in lives of light and purity.

- 2. How does the passage fit into the Bible's overall message?
- 3. How does the passage compare with other Bible passages?
- 4. What general principles or theological truths does the passage set forth?

Salvation requires our effort but is dependent on Christ's prior work.

You can't work out what God hasn't first "worked in".

Being a Christian sets us apart.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What have you learned so far about the steps of studying the Bible?
- 2. What have you observed in Philippians 2:12-16?

3. **Explain** – What does the passage mean?

- 3.1 What is the main point of the passage?
- 3.2 How does the passage fit into the Bible's overall message?
- 3.3 How does the passage compare with other Bible passages?
- 3.4 What general principles or theological truths does the passage set forth?

Coming up: Annual meeting on Feb 21 @ 4 pm.

Online movie night Just Mercy on Friday Feb 26 @ 7 pm

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