

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Philippians 2:14-18*

These questions are for the **January 26, 2025** message, “**Never Grumbling.**” Please read the sermon passage together to set the context for our study.

### Passage Outline

#### **Because Christ is our example, we must...**

1. Never grumble. (14) (Overall command)
2. Shine in dark places. (15) (Proclaiming)
3. Hold fast to the word of life. (16a) (Defending)
4. Work hard. (16b)
5. Even if: mutual joy as we are poured out. (17-18)

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Philippians 2:14 reminds us that we are to “Do all things without grumbling or disputing.” According to Pastor Jon, “Grumbling...would seek to bring God down to our level.” Similarly, disputing is our attempt to raise ourselves up to God’s level, where we feel free to argue with Him. Why are grumbling and disputing dangerous? What are some ways that we justify these behaviors?
2. Jesus Christ shines in and through us, by the power of His word. He is the light, and we are vessels He uses to reflect that light into dark places. Just like dirt on a mirror, our sinful words and actions can diminish our ability to reflect the true light of Jesus to those He has called us to reach and serve. What are some ways your Life Group can help you to shine more brightly? **Consider this:** Can your Life Group help if you don’t invite them to do so?
3. Pastor Jon mentioned that we “Hold fast to the word of life” by defending it when the attacks come. We live in an age when it’s common and popular to attack the ideas and beliefs of others. What are some ways you can encourage conversation about Jesus Christ and His Gospel, even with those who may be opposed to it? When you consider who in your circles of influence needs to hear the Gospel, who comes to mind? How can your Life Group encourage you as you seek to share and defend your faith with others who may be hostile toward the Gospel?
4. We don’t “work hard” to shine brighter. We work hard because the thing we are working for cannot be stopped. Jesus has risen from the dead and He has conquered death and sin. Share with your Life Group how this truth impacts your faith, attitude, and actions particularly when things are difficult.