

THE PHILIPPIAN PROJECT

Week Three—For Existing Life Groups

Life Together Sends Us Into the World

The Bible Study

1. What does Paul mean when he says that the Body of Christ “shines like stars” in the world? What kind of “light” should shine from Christian community?
2. When Paul tells the early church to “work out their own salvation in fear and trembling,” what is he talking about?
3. Do you agree with Stacy that this work has to do with building the Kingdom of God? Why or why not?
4. What did the earliest church in Acts spend its time doing?
5. How did their activity attract others?
6. Do you think they evangelized with words? With actions? By example?
7. What did it mean that the early church had the “goodwill of all the people?”
8. Do you see any criticism in these passages of the way the modern church does life together?
9. Do you see any criticism in these passages of the way the modern church looks at church growth? At kingdom building?

Scripture

Philippians 2:12-15

Paul charges the church to complete the work that God is doing in their midst.

Acts 2:42-47

A description of the earliest church doing life together and giving witness to the love of Christ outside the church.



Life Together—Serving One Another

Your Life Group's Journey

1. Do you think your Life Group shines a light on others? Within the church? Outside of the church? How?
2. What makes your Life Group a specifically Christian group of support, learning and encouragement?
3. If your Life Group had a mission statement, what would it be? Would it include kingdom building? Would it include sending each other into the world as ambassadors for Christ?
4. How could your group be more intentional about supporting each other in discipleship outside the church? What would that look like?
5. What have been the best examples of your life together leading you as individuals and as a group to ministry outside the walls of this church?
6. What could the church do to help Life Groups in this task?