

# **“Sacrifice of Joy”**

Phil 2:12-18

(Pastor Bryan Chapell 10-30-2016)

## **Connect:**

- 1) What do you want to praise God for from this past week?
- 2) What were you most afraid of as a kid? What about now?

## **Discuss:**

- 1) Read Phil. 2:12-18 and share what God has taught you personally from this passage and/or through this sermon. Why do you think God wanted you to take to heart those particular things?
- 2) Pastor Bryan said “Fear can be the fuel in our tank and we are often then the tiger on other people’s backs.” Explain what this means and share ways you can relate to it.
- 3) If Paul knows that we are united to Christ and saved by faith, why does he say, “work out your salvation with fear and trembling”? \*It is so that we will work in humble response to God’s work.
  - a. What is God’s work for and in us? (2:6-11;13)
  - b. What then is our work if God has given us all we need? (2:12)
- 4) How do we work “Brilliantly” in response to God’s work? (2:14-15)
- 5) How do we work purposefully in response to God’s work? (2:16-18)
- 6) What difference does it make to live in reverence and awe rather than fear and fright? What would be some indicators or fruit you would hope to see in your own life as you do this?
- 7) What would you like your prayer to be in response to God and this passage?

## **Partner:**

\*\*Consider dividing up your group (men with men; women with women) for this section.

1. If you find yourself currently struggling with being fear-driven consider sharing your concerns with your group and asking for prayer.
2. Share any other prayer requests you have and commit to praying for them throughout the week.