

Growth Group Questions – 22/8/2021 – Jack Kapinga

1) Quote from the sermon: “While it’s easy to have an Olympic dream, it takes a lot of effort and commitment to work out that dream so that it comes to fulfillment.” How is the Christian life a bit like training for the Olympics? Consider 1 Cor 9:24-27.

Read Philippians 2:12-18.

2) In verses 12-13 Paul defines what it means to “continue to work out your salvation”. How do you understand this concept in your life and how is it related to obedience (“as you have always obeyed”)?

3) How do the following help to further describe this concept:

- “not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence”
- “with fear and trembling”
- “for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose”

4) If salvation is by grace alone through faith in Christ alone, then why do you still have to “work out your salvation” in this way?

5) Paul’s first example of this obedience in verses 14-15 is, “Do everything without grumbling or arguing”. What’s your personal reaction to his words?

6) If we’ll never be perfect in this life, then what does Paul mean when he says, “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 as you hold firmly to the word of life”?

7) As Paul speaks of the outcome of this obedience in verses 16-18, what do you think he means when he speaks about boasting and being poured out like an offering?

8) How do efforts to “continue to work out your salvation” lead Paul and the Philippians and us to “be glad and rejoice”? Have you experienced this Deeper Joy?