

OUR FIRM FOUNDATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:14-30

GETTING STARTED

• What situations do you often find yourself grumbling? What was it about that particular season or a situation that caused you to react that way?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter into your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.

- Have someone read the passage aloud and note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What does it mean to work our salvation with "fear and trembling" in verse 12?
- Talk about verse 15 together. What does it mean to live above reproach? How do the actions of believers bear witness to the world?
- What is the relationship between verses 17–18? What is Paul trying to communicate about sacrifice and service?
- Why do you think Paul sends Timothy to the Philippians? Why does he send Epaphroditus?

WRAPPING UP

• How might we ourselves currently work out our salvation with fear and trembling? Where might we need to embrace God's mercy this week?