



# REIMAGINE

## WEEK 4 - BRIGHT LIGHTS IN A DARK WORLD OVERVIEW

Throughout his letter to the Philippians, Paul shares his heart's desire for the Philippian church, not knowing if he would ever see them again. In many ways, his advice reads like the last will and testament of a dying man. Ultimately, Paul longs for his brothers and sisters in Philippi to carry on the work which was started when he first preached the gospel to them. He pleads with them to "obey God," "live clean, innocent lives," "shine like bright lights," and "hold firmly to the word of life."

Grace Church was started with a commitment to jump in wherever the Holy Spirit was moving. As we continue to listen for the voice of God in this new generation and pool our resources to invest in what's to come, let's join the Philippians in "working hard to show the results of our salvation" so that the "ones" God has laid on our heart can come to know the love of Jesus as we have.

*Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*

***Philippians 2:12-13***

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever experienced something like Barry's experience at Mission to Ukraine, that made you think, "who are these people"? Share what that was like and why it struck you.
2. Read [Philippians 1:6](#) and [2:12-13](#).
  - a. Who is doing the "work" in these passages?
  - b. Explain what Barry refers to as a virtuous cycle (sanctification) in verses 12-13.
  - c. How does sanctification play out in our lives today?
3. Read [Philippians 2:14-18](#).
  - a. How are Paul and the Philippians working together to bring an offering to God?
  - b. What are some of the Old Testament passages Paul is referring to? (see app notes for more info)
4. Read [Isaiah 42:16 \(NRSV\)](#) and [Matthew 5:14](#). What is God's mission? Who is he calling to do it, and why?
5. What if the people of Grace began to shine so brightly with the love of Jesus that our neighbors, and coworkers, and family, and friends were startled by our brilliance? Give examples of what that could look like.