

Shining as Stars - Philippians 2:12-18

Topics:

Arguments, Believers, Complaining, God, Jesus Christ, Joy, Obedience, People, Sacrifice, Salvation, Serving, Sin, Witnessing, Work

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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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Believers ought to follow Christ’s example not only to bring unity and peace to the church, but also so that no one in the outside world would be able to find any fault with them.



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Philippi was a pagan city; Paul wanted these believers to be unified, morally pure, and filled with good works so that they could bring the light of Christ into their dark world. Is your light shining for Christ?



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NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

Philippians 2:19-30

“Paul Commends
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