Introduction

Questions to ask at your table:

- What's something that brought you joy this week?
- Describe a place/situation in which you need HOPE right now.
- Rate (1-10) your grumbling this week: 1 - no grumbling and 10 - all grumbling.
- From your perspective, how does a non-grumbling life *shine* in the midst of a crooked and depraved generation?

Chapter 2 - All that's left

Read Chapter 2:

- What stands out?

Lights in the World (v. 12 - 16)

When the Word was made flesh, St. John says ***"he dwelled among us."*** St. Paul encourages the church in Philippi (and HCLC) to live _____ _____ _____ of a crooked and depraved generation.

- Matthew 5:13-16 –

- Matthew 28:18-20 –

- Paul is really clear - all of this is NOT possible unless one "holds fast" (v. 16). Here, the word literally means ***cling to (and keep clinging to)*** - the "Word of Life."

    - John 1:1-4 –

For your table:

- What are ways we can cling to (and keep clinging to) the Word of Life?
- What gets in the way of our active "clinging to" Jesus?
- What do we need in order to avoid those hurdles which keep us from "clinging to" Jesus?

- All of this: ***so that***…
    - What does St. Paul mean when he talks about *the day of Christ (v. 16)?*
        - 1 Corinthians 1:8 –
        - Luke 17:22-24 –
    - It what way does this verse relate to 1:18 and 2:2?

Sending Some Encouragers (v. 19 - 30)

Timothy

- Acts 16:1-5 –
- 1 Corinthians 4:14-17 –
- Hebrews 13:23 –

Paul has high praise for Timothy - ***"….I have no one like him."***

For your table to discuss:

- What do you think St. Paul means when he says that Timothy will be ***"concerned for your welfare***?
- How do verses 20-21 highlight what St. Paul describes in verses 2-9?

Epaphroditus

- Phil. 2:25; Phil. 4:18 –

- 2:27 –

- 2:29ff –

Some Concluding Questions

To be discussed at your table:

- In response to Christ's work on the cross and through the tomb for our forgiveness, we are called to "out-work" our salvation; to be lights in a darkened world. How does that make you feel?
- Who's an "encourager" for you? Who helps you follow Jesus well? Who helps you be light in the dark world?
- What's been encouraging about Chapter 2?
- What's been challenging about Chapter 2?
- What's one prayer request you can share at your table?