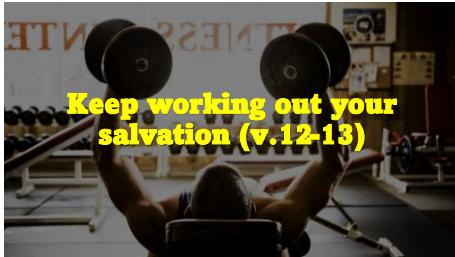




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## Questions to think & pray through

### Keep working out your salvation (v.12-13)

Why is it important for us to disciple people to be obedient to Jesus?

Paul tells us to “Work out our salvation” by seeking to live out the new life we’ve been saved into. So how do we ‘train’ ourselves to be godly (1 Tim 4:7)? What sort of effort and proactivity does this take? Are there areas of your life where you know you need to train in?

Why are both a love for Jesus and a fear of God (v.12) both right motivations in working out our salvation?

Why is it important to remember that it is God’s power that helps us to grow in sanctification, rather than simply our own effort (v.13)? What is the effect if we forget this?

### Keep shining like stars for Christ (v.14-16a)

What sorts of things can people grumble or argue about in churches? Why can it be so damaging?

What are the best ways to talk through any legitimate issues that we have? How will you encourage those around you to use their words in positive and constructive ways?

Why does holding firmly to God’s ‘word’ bring ‘life’?

What is so helpful about the vivid image of stars in a dark sky in describing Christians’ distinctiveness in the world? What is the witness we want our church to give by the way that we speak?

### Keep rejoicing until the day of Christ (v.16b-18)

What is the finishing line for Christians?

How should looking towards the finishing line help to shape our priorities for now?

Why does the sacrifice and service of working together for Christ bring joy to us?