

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, December 1st

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

As a group, spend some time praising the Lord for His perfect attributes.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: 147 – *And Can It Be*.

Together in the Word:

1. Read Philippians 2:12–16. What does it mean to “work out your salvation with fear and trembling?” _____

2. When are you most tempted to complain? _____

3. According to v.15, what must we do in order to appear as “lights in the world”? How does one do that? _____

4. Verse 16 can either be translated “holding fast” or “holding forth the word of life.” What are the different meanings of each? Which is preferable? _____

5. In this passage, what motives does Paul give for doing all things without murmuring, complaining, and disputing? _____

6. Read Matthew 11:1–6. How did Jesus counsel John the Baptist's complaining spirit? _____

7. What can we do to actively fight against the sinful tendency to complain? _____

A Thankful, Non-Complaining Heart

Philippians 2:14-16

(Thanksgiving 2019)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“A Thankful, Non-Complaining Heart.”** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it is a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. If any group of people who has reason to be thankful, then surely it is whom?
2. No matter which way things go in life, people always seem to find a reason to do what?
3. Here's the real reason: People in our society are what?
4. We are called to be what?
5. We live in what kind of world?
6. What is an example of how crooked and perverse and warped our world is?
7. Paul gave the command of verse 14 right after the command to do what?
8. God wants obedience with the what?
9. How much of what we do should be done without murmuring and complaining?
10. What is significant about the “present tense” of the word “do” in the verse examined today?
11. Does Paul spell out a course of action or a kind of action?
12. The Greek word “goggusmos” is a complaint expressed in what kind of attitude?

13. The word “disputing” means what?
14. Few sins are uglier to God than complaining and a lack of what?
15. Who are, generally speaking, the most complaining people?
16. When you complain, that shows you that you think you deserve what?
17. For many people, what is a way of life?
18. What sin does God list in I Corinthians 10 right alongside lust, idolatry, sexual immorality, and trying God’s patience?
19. How many Israelites did God kill for murmuring, complaining, and griping?
20. What do you ruin when you go around in life grumbling and complaining?
21. What, according to Ephesians 4:17, should we be?
22. The first thing Paul says is we should not be negative so we may become what?
23. God wants us to reflect what?
24. What word in verse 15 refers to outward display?
25. In relation to coming across being content and thankful, what is something we should not put on?
26. What is one of the things that makes it so hard to not complain and grumble?
27. God calls us to resist our what?
28. We ought to imitate whom?
29. If you have a content, thankful, joyful attitude in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation, you will stand out like a what?
30. It seems that the context of verses 14-16 calls for what wording: “holding fast” or “holding forth”?
31. As we move from verse 15 to verse 16, Paul transitions from personality to what?
32. Does your life demonstrate a “redeemed” life?
33. The source of our changed life is what?
34. Review: Why should we do all things without murmuring and disputing?
 - a. So you can _____ into being all that you ought to be as a child of God.
 - b. So you can stand out as _____ in the midst of a dark world.
 - c. So you can hold out the _____ of God to those who see the difference in your life.
 - d. So your spiritual _____ can rejoice in the day of Christ.
35. Paul didn’t want the Philippians to be satisfied with the fact that they were what?
36. Will Pastor Bryan look back over all the years of his life, of shepherding and teaching you, and think that possibly he labored in vain?
37. We have so many reasons to be what?
38. The Israelites had the privilege of having the Shekinah presence of God with them as well as the spiritual sustenance of whom?
39. Of all the Israelites who left Egypt, how many entered the Promised Land?
40. What was it that caused God to be so displeased with the Israelites?
41. What are some ways you can be blessed (based upon Pastor Bryan’s closing statements)?