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## Thinking Right-Side Up In an upside-down World ...about my Salvation

(Philippians 2:12-13)

Introduction: Growing up in church is a good thing, but it can lead to some bad habits.

### So...is "salvation" an event or a process?

Salvation includes BOTH the event (the Surgery)...

...AND the subsequent process (the Rehab)!

### What do I need to think differently ABOUT my salvation?

☐ I am responsible to put my salvation "to work."

- I must take the initiative to obey God. (2:12a)
- I must take my responsibility seriously. (2:12b)
- I must trust God to empower me as I obey. (2:13)

#### Concluding Questions to Consider:

- Have you ever taken ownership of the part that God expects you to play in your spiritual development, the spiritual "rehab" of your salvation?
- What's stopping you from beginning today?

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Debrief Plan: 2/18/2018

#### Icebreakers:

1. Have you ever had surgery that involved rehab? What was that like?
2. Have you ever been to a church where you didn't understand what was going on because no one there explained things? What was that experience like for you?

Sermon Summary: While God alone is the one who gives the gift of salvation, those of us who receive it are responsible to put it into practice in our everyday life. We do this by taking the initiative to obey God while trusting Him to empower our efforts to obey Him.

#### Discussion Questions: (*Read Philippians 2:12-13 together.*)

1. How does thinking about salvation as an "entrance ticket" to heaven cause problems for us as followers of Jesus?
2. Tell us a brief version of the story of the "event" of your salvation.

#### \* I Am Responsible to Put My Salvation "to Work."

3. Do we have a tendency to ONLY emphasize God's responsibility in our "salvation"? If so, why is that, do you think?

#### \* I Must Take the Initiative to Obey God.

4. Have you ever felt pushed into a corner by God where your only option was to grow spiritually? Why do we resist taking the initiative and seeking out ways to grow?
5. What would it **look like** for you to take the initiative and seek out ways to grow spiritually? Have you ever "made plans" on how you wanted to grow in a given year or season of your life?

#### \* I Must Take my Responsibility Seriously.

6. What do you think it means to pursue obedience with "fear and trembling"? How does that help you to grow spiritually?

#### \* I Must Trust God to Empower Me as I Obey.

7. Can you think of anyone in the Bible who was told by God to obey Him in a specific way and obeyed before they knew that it was going to work out? (See Joshua 3:9-17, 6:12-20, Matt. 9:1-8, Lk. 17:11-19 if you get stumped. ☺) Why doesn't God empower us first and then tell us to obey?