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Thinking Right-Side Up In an ~~unog-apsdn~~ World ...about Our Mission (Philippians 2:14-18)

Introduction: A military mission is "an operation assigned by a higher headquarters." God gave us a mission; let's get on board!

1: _____ to Our Mission, v. 14

- "Grumbling"
- "Disputing"

2: _____ for Our Mission, v. 15a

- What we are to be:
- Where we are to be it:

3: _____ of Our Mission, vv. 15b-16a

- "Shine"
- "Hold Fast"

4: _____ of Our Mission, v. 16b

- Reason to _____ in the day of Christ
- Not run or toil in _____

5: _____ of Our Mission, vv. 17-18

- Shared _____
- Plus Shared _____
- Equals Shared _____

Conclusion:

- o Do you know your mission? Are you on mission?
- o Have hindrances, or a loss of joy, sidetracked you from the mission?
- o Will you commit yourself anew to the mission of the church?

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Debrief Plan: 2/25/2018

Icebreakers:

1. Are you part of a business or organization that has a mission statement? If so, what is it? If not, why do you think they don't have one?
2. If you were to write your own personal mission statement, what would it be?

Sermon Summary: Paul delivers to the Philippians their mission as a church: to shine as lights in the world and hold fast the word of life. Carrying it out successfully calls for getting rid of hindrances and meeting certain requirements. But it's worth the effort, both for future glory for Christ and for present joy in serving Jesus.

Discussion Questions: (Read Philippians 2:14-18 together.)

1. Do you ever find yourself grumbling or complaining about other people, either in the church or in other situations? What seem to be the trigger points for your falling into this behavior?
2. When was the last time you got into a dispute over something trivial? How did you handle it and what was the outcome?
3. Would the people who know you best describe your character as blameless, flawless, and faultless? What changes would you need to make in your life in order to make this truer of yourself?
4. What is the particular "world" in which God wants you to shine? How would you rate your current "luminosity" (quality of shining) in your world?
5. We all have different strengths and weaknesses when it comes to personal evangelism. What are yours? What steps can you take to more effectively give the word of life to the people you know?
6. Have you ever been tempted to brag about yourself or your possessions? What is one way you can "boast in the Lord" this week?
7. What brings you joy in serving Jesus? Has there ever been a time in your life when you lost your joy? How did you get it back?