

## Philippians 2:12-30

### What does love look like?



#### Overview of the message:

As we looked at Paul's encouragement to the Philippian church Chris drew out 8 expressions that characterise a people who love.

1. Obedience to God (v12)
2. Working out salvation (v12)
3. Fear and trembling (v12)
4. Without grumbling or questioning (v14)
5. Blameless and pure (v15)
6. Holding firmly to the word of life (v16)
7. Sacrifice and service (v17)
8. Rejoicing in the faithfulness of others (v18)

We also looked at the web of love connecting Paul, Timothy, the Philippian church and Epaphroditus (v19 – 30)

#### Questions (you needn't use them all! – which are most useful for your group?)

1. What does obedience to God look like as an individual and as a church?
2. We are encouraged to work out our own salvation, while at the same time acknowledging it is God who works in us to both will and work for his good pleasure. What does this partnership look like?
3. How can we expect to see a positive "fear and trembling" in a follower of Jesus? (See 1 Corinth 2: 1-5 and Psalm 2:11).
4. Brits like to grumble. How does v14 challenge us to be countercultural and what do we do instead?
5. What would we expect a blameless and pure person to look like? How can we seek to be this?
6. What is the word of life? What does it mean to hold firm to this?
7. What ways can we embody sacrifice and service in our church community and beyond?
8. What would it look like to be rejoicing in the faithfulness of others?
9. Jesus said "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Our love is a powerful witness to "all people". In what ways does the world see this in us?