

*Sermon-based Growth Group*  
*"A Call to Excellence"*  
*Philippians 2:12-18*  
August 13, 2023  
*Questions*

Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday's service did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

1. Who or what comes to mind when you hear the word "excellence"?
2. What do you think it takes to practice excellence as a Christian?
  - a. How does verse 13 help you to want to practice excellence and enable you to practice excellence?
3. Why should we obey God? (How many reasons can you think of?)
4. Why is it important that your life match your gospel?
  - a. Think about the gospel. How can you live that way?
5. According to verses 14-16, how will you be different from the world around you if you "work out" your salvation?
  - a. How can you shine like a star in the world (see verse 16)? (Explain.)
6. If grace is a free gift and doesn't cost us anything, then why should we do anything at all?
  - a. If you were to "work out" the implication of what it means to be saved (verse 12), how would that lead to excellence?