Who Does What?
Philippians 2:12-18

Into the Lesson:

From your childhood, what were some of the things that were a source of "fear and trembling" in your life?

Clowns-
Carnival rides-
Scarry dreams-
Unprepared for tests-
Cuban Missile Crises-

How did you deal with those fears?

Help from a parent-
Confronted your fears-
Avoided all things "clown"-
Grew out of them-

Into the Word:

As you read Philippians 2:12-18, mark the indicators of Paul's deep love for this body of believers.

The "Fear of the Lord" is often a misunderstood concept, spend some time investigating what the Bible has to say about it.

Job 28:28-
Psalm 19:9-
Psalm 111:10-
Proverbs 1:7; 14:27; 15:33-
Acts 9:31-

How has a misconception of the "Fear of the Lord" led to an almost superstitious belief in God for some instead of the "awe we have when we see God at work…"? Comment on Lane's remarks about consistency and "working out your salvation"? And the "shared but personal" nature of our calling.

How could the Roman influence have contributed to the "warped and crooked generation" that Paul addressed in v.15?

From past sermons we have been reminded of the apparent conflict between two of the women in the Philippian church (4:2) how does v.14 seem to address this issue and why does it seem to weigh so heavily on Paul's mind?

Into Life:

As you recall the "Who does what?" section of Lane's sermon, consider how the church will look as "We continue…

To call on the Name of the Lord-
To walk in His Grace-
To come before God in prayer-
To gather for worship, instruction, and encouragement-

How will all the above help our influence in a culture that seems to have returned to a "warped and crooked generation"?

How do we maintain that level of "consistency and sustained effort"?

From Lane's sermon, how do we see the evidence of the "two traps" we can fall into:

What you have to offer God-
Since it's "all about God, I don't have to do anything"-

How will our identification as a "bond servant to Jesus" help us to avoid the traps we encounter?

Before the Great God who created all things-
I stand-completely understood
and completely loved.