

LESSON FORTY-TWO

Shining Stars

Sing a variety of songs from senior's song book.

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach me to do all things without grumbling and complaining that I may be blameless. Amen.

Scripture - Philippians 2:14-18

Do all things without grumbling and complaining, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you—and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Discussion Questions

1. What word, phrase, or idea stands out for you in this reading?
2. When we grumble and complain, we are no longer innocent or blameless. What does grumbling and complaining make us guilty of?
3. When we do not grumble and complain but praise and compliment, how are we like stars shining in the world? At this time of surrender in your life, how can you be glad and rejoice?
4. We are told to hold fast to the word of life. Who is the word of life and how do we hold fast?

Intercession

The prayer response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the sick, the dying and those who suffer (say aloud the names of those you wish to pray for) and for those who care for them, we pray to the Lord...

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all family members, keep them safe and draw them close to Jesus, we pray to the Lord

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are lonely, sad, or discouraged, bring them courage, joy and people to support them, we pray to the Lord...

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those in leadership in government and church, may their decisions be guided by God's wisdom, we pray to the Lord...

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For situations in the world (say aloud any current issues you wish to pray for) we pray to the Lord...

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Song

Sing a variety of songs from senior's book.

Closing Prayer

Join hands and say the 'Our Father'.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.