Sermon Questions for Life Groups, Individuals, and Accountability Groups

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CONNECT:

- One of the focuses of Philippians 2:12–18 is that spiritual growth relies on accountability, encouragement and strength from other Christ-followers. In our present circumstance (social distancing), what are some of the ways you are doing this? What are some of the dangers of not doing so?
- Who have been encouragers in your walk? Are you an encourager to someone else?

GROW:

- William Wilberforce was exposed to several people of faith that did not seem to impact him
 greatly. God was not finished with him yet! Have you ever prayed for a long time for someone
 who did not seem to be impacted by what you were saying? How is the story of William
 Wilberforce encouraging in this respect?
- William Wilberforce began to see every person as made in the image of God, with inestimable worth. With our present situation in our country, and our world, what can we do to promote this truth?
- William recommitted his life to Christ after being encouraged by John Wesley. In your faith walk, have you ever recommitted your life to Christ? What were the circumstances?
- William Wilberforce did not have immediate success in his God-given mission to end slavery.
 Have you ever had to wait to see results of something you feel God has called you to do? How can you encourage yourself (and others) to keep going?
- Have you ever been a "Rambo" Christian (acting in your own strength)? What did that look like?
 What changed?

GO:

What is your "elevator pitch" in summarizing this week's message? How would you explain this
to someone who operates out of a works-based faith?