

Use this guide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.

## Righteousness Through Faith (Philippians 3:1-11) June 23, 2024

- 1. When was a time you felt really confident in your ability to do something? How did your confidence affect the outcome of what you were trying to do? To what extent should Christians express confidence?
- 2. Read Philippians 3:1-11 aloud and share your observations together.
  - a. What commands do you notice in verses 1 and 2?
  - b. Who are the types of people mentioned in this passage?
  - c. What reasons does Paul give for why he is more qualified than some to boast in the flesh (vv. 4-6)
  - d. Why could Paul consider the gains of his life as loss (v. 8)?
  - e. Where did Paul's righteousness come from (v. 9)?
  - f. How would you summarize Philippians 3:1-11 in your own words?
- 3. Even though Paul was more qualified than some, he refused to boast about his national heritage, obedient life, or theological convictions.
  - a. In what ways are you tempted to boast about these things in your life?
  - b. What effect can such boasting have on your fellowship with God and other Christians?
  - c. How can knowing Christ be better than anything you are tempted to boast about?
- 4. Discuss how God is using His Word to transform your life right now.
  - a. Are you experiencing any conviction as you discuss this passage? Explain.
  - b. What practical steps might you take to boast more in Christ and less in yourself?
  - c. How does the power of Christ's resurrection impact difficult situations that you might be experiencing?
  - d. How would you like our group to pray for you?