Lesson 4: The Fellowship of Christ's Sufferings

Introduction:

- Partake in Afflictions
    - Examine what that looks like
        - Attack the Message
        - Attack the Messenger
        - Discredit or discourage the messenger and listeners
    - Viewed by the world as the filth and offscouring of all things

Preview:

- Know Christ in the Fellowship of His Sufferings

Sermon:
Philippians 3:8-12

- **"know Him"**
    - **"the power of His resurrection"**
    - **"the fellowship of His sufferings"**
        - "fellowship" - Companionship; society; consort; mutual association of persons on equal and friendly terms; familiar intercourse; communion
    - 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
        - Made something for someone else for the good of others
        - Bear infirmities, but not overcome
        - Soul is vexed, but you do not faint
        - Slandered for righteousness, but you humbly think of the slanderer in forgiveness
        - 1 Peter 2:18-24, 3:11-18, 4:12-15, 5:6-11
    - Php. 1:19-21, 28

Conclusion:

- Why?
    - "promise in this life and the life to come"
    - Overcome and subdue evil to the glory of God now, salvation of others, upholding the fabric of God's kingdom in heaven and on earth.
    - Immeasurable glory in the life to come