



## Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of September 26-27, 2020

Please don't feel you have to answer every question.

### *The Truth of the Gospel* KJ Tencza, Teaching Pastor

#### Icebreaker

What's your favorite time of day, and why?

Is there anything particular you enjoy doing during this time? If so, briefly describe it.

#### Group Interaction & Application

Slowly read aloud Philippians 3:1-8 a couple of times, in different Bible translations if possible.

What words, phrases, or insights stand out to you from these verses, or create some intrigue for you?

What uniquely spoke to you from Pastor KJ's message on these verses, raised some questions, or perhaps generated some push-back?

How would you describe the problem that's motivating Paul to write these words to the Philippian Christians?

If this problem had gone unchallenged, how might it have hurt the ministry of the Gospel and the Philippian believers in the process?

Considering this, if you were the one writing, what would you add, tweak, or accentuate to get your point across and address the heart of the problem?

In verse 3, what's the implication that Paul says, "we are the circumcision" vs. "we have been circumcised?"

How does this speak to our identity as Christians and what it is that makes us truly acceptable to God? (In answering, refer to verse 8.)

In verses 3-4, Paul refers to "the flesh," and encourages the Philippians not to put confidence in it.

In saying this, what's he referring to, and why is it such a big deal in our relationship with God?

Paul presents himself as an example of doing this at one point in verses 5-6. Was he trying to put down his religious background or something else?

In contrast to this, what's the perspective he's encouraging the Philippians – and us – to embrace in verses 7-8?

Read aloud Romans 2:25-29.

How do these verses accentuate the point that Paul is seeking to make in Philippians 3, and help us see Jesus and the heart of the Gospel more clearly?

What behaviors, practices, or perspectives today might a Christian embrace that make them feel closer to God than other people?

Which of these are you especially vulnerable to, and how has this week's verses, message, and group discussion challenged you to see these things in a new light?

What image of Jesus helps you the most in changing your perspective on these things?

How do this week's verses and topic speak to your heart as you seek to embrace an authentic relationship with Jesus in today's world?

Conclude by praying for one another in applying this week's insights and Spirit-promptings, as well as for general needs and concerns.

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