

# Week of February 12, 2018

## Philippines 3:7-15

### Crazy for the Gospel

7 But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, 11 assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.

12 Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, 14 I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. 15 Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you.

### Questions:

- Paul was consumed by Jesus. What are some things that people are consumed by today? Why does it seem so easy to lose themselves to them?
- Being consumed by Jesus, like Paul was, makes you more like Jesus.
- Who is someone in your life demonstrates what it looks like to compete for Jesus?
- What are some hinderances that “entangle” you from competing?
- Jesse gave some suggestions about how we can begin to compete. Which one's resonated with you? Why? Would you want to add anything else?
  - **Kneeling pray:** We don't pray on our knees when we feel humble. We pray on our knees to become humble. The position we pray in doesn't reflect our inward disposition, it forms it.
- **Read your Bible before you pick up your phone:** You are teaching your body that hearing from God is more important than hearing from anyone else.
- **Turn your phone off for 1 hr:** So that you can be fully present with your families or the people that God has given you.
- **Curate media to 4 hours a week:** Increase discipline and decrease unwanted discipleship