

ACCOMPLISHED

PART FIVE: NEVER ENOUGH

Accomplishment itself isn't always enough. In fact, most people experience some kind of let down after they accomplish an astounding goal. Even astounding accomplishment can leave us with an unsettling feeling that there's something more. What is it? When you discover it, it changes everything and it reprograms your life.

BIG IDEA: Knowing Jesus is the one thing that brings meaning to everything.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What's one thing you are proud you've accomplished so far in your life?
- 2. Have you ever had the experience of accomplishing something you've worked hard to achieve, only to feel a little empty or hollow after you've attained it?
- 3. With your Bible or YouVersion, read Philippians 3:4-14. Paul makes a radical claim. Paul claims that everything is, quite literally, 'dung' compared the greatness of knowing Christ. What do you think made him say that?
- 4. When have you felt closest to God?
- 5. One of the best ways to grow personally closer to God is to pray daily and read scripture daily. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your personal prayer and scripture reading? What changes could you embrace this week that would help you move that up several numbers on the scale?

MOVING FORWARD

If you want to better know the greatness of knowing Christ, follow a daily bible reading plan. Here are three simple steps to help you start reading your Bible this week:

- Go to http://www.YouVersion.com or download the YouVersion Bible App for your phone or tablet (it's completely free).
- If you are new to reading the Bible, we suggest Rick Warren's Daily Devotions. This plan will take you through a scripture passage each day and a short commentary from Rick. Rick is author of the best selling book, The Purpose Driven Life, and a leading pastor. (http://www.bible.com/reading-plans/135rick-warrens-daily-devotional/day/1)
- If you already read the Bible and want to go deeper, try the One Year Bible plan. Less than 15 minutes each day will move you through the entire bible in a year. This is the plan Carey uses for his personal Bible reading. (http://www.bible.com/reading-plans/60-the-one-year-bible)
- Would you like to join us on our next teaching series at oneChurch.tv? Our next series is called Your Big Moment, where we will be going through the book of Esther. There are a couple of reading plans to choose from. There is a 10-day plan called The Esther Challenge. There is the 7-day plan Children's Guide to Esther and God's Plan. And lastly, there is the 10-day plan Discover God's Vision.

As you read and pray, ask God to help you put him first and to help you make Christ be the one thing that brings meaning to everything else in your life. Share your progress with your small group or some friends.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. Philippians 3:8-9





