



**MONTEREY
CHURCH**
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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Announcements / Upcoming Events

- *Save the Date:* Connect Sunday & Potluck, 9/14 after Service!

WELCOME What are you really good at that you could brag about?

WORSHIP Read Psalm 148

WORD *Message Title: "Confidence" (Philippians: Staying Strong in the Spirit!)*
 by Pastor Bryan James, 8/24/2025
Scripture: Philippians 3

1. What part of the message or passage stood out to you most? Why?
2. Read through Philippians 3:1-3. Why is Paul concerned about "those dogs" and who or what are the dogs in your life you have to watch out for?
3. Read vv. 4-6. What exactly does "confidence in the flesh" look like?
4. Read vv. 7-11. What is Paul saying about his own credentials? What does he consider 'success'?
5. Paul's desired to know Christ better. On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (great), how does your desire in this area rank?
6. Read vv. 12-21. What is Paul's encouragement to the church?
7. Are there things you need to walk away from in order to faithfully 'press on'?

WITNESS Can you describe the prize of knowing Christ? Take time to put words around these thoughts and ask the Lord for an opportunity to share his incomparable riches to those around you who do not yet know Him.

**CLOSING PRAYER
& INTERCESSION** Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another. Encourage your group to wait on God, allow time and space for him to speak as you pray for one another.