



WEEK 3:

Day 1:

- Read Philippians 3:1-6
- What do you think Paul means when he commands to “rejoice IN THE LORD?”
- Who does Paul warn us about in vs 2?
- Read Romans 2:28-29; in both instances Paul makes the definition of what true circumcision is. What is Paul trying to say?
- Paul in vs 3 contrasts two realities, reliance on God, and confidence in human effort. What are some ways that you place your confidence in human effort?
- Paul gives us his resume, all the ways he could depend on his human efforts, even with the impressive achievements, he still doesn’t put his confidence in human effort. As you read through those accomplishments what are some things that would have stuck out to the audience [reminder: Philippi was largely non-Jewish]? Any of those stick out to you?
- What do these passages today say about you?
- What do they say about God
- What is something that God is asking/prompting from you out of these verses?
- What are you going to do about it?

Day 2:

- Read Philippians 3:7-11

- What did Paul consider valuable? What did Paul consider “worthless”?
- Why did Paul “discard everything else”?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-9, you can see a running theme through Paul’s letters, How did Paul “become righteousness?” In your own words define, “righteousness.”
- Write out verse 10.
- Paul expresses 3 desires in vs 10. Two of these are easy to understand, the third may make us a little more uncomfortable. What are these three desires?
- Read vs 10 in a couple of translations, what differences stick out to you? What do you think Paul means in this verse in your own words?
- In verse 11 Paul finally expresses his true desire. What is it?
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- Read Philippians 3:12-16
- In verse 12 Paul’s tone seems to change. What are some ways, you try to measure, “arrival” or “achievement”?
- What is the “one thing” that Paul mentions? What are some ways that you struggle with that goal?
- Read verse 14 in some other translations. Write out some of the different variations of this verse. What does Paul press on to achieve? What do you think that means? What sticks out to you?
- In verse 15 Paul calls them all to agree “on these things,” what things do you think Paul is talking about?
- Who’s Paul talking to in vs 15? Who’s responsibility is it to convince those that disagree?
- What does Paul ask them to do in vs 16? Why is that significant? IF Paul is asking that of them, what does that mean?

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Day 4:

- Read Philippians 3:17-21
- Paul makes an interesting distinction in these verses, his life and those that are enemies of the cross of Christ. This is the theme of this section of the letter.
What sticks out to you?
- In verse 19, Paul lists three distinctives of these “enemies,” list them. What sticks out to you? How do you see these in your life?
- In verse 20, Paul makes the distinction, stating we are citizens of heaven. What does that mean to you?
- Vs 21 makes mention of the end goal or Christ. How does this verse give you hope, and cause to rejoice?
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Day 5:

- Read Philippians