

## Philippians 3:10-16 Discussion Guide

### General Discussion Questions:

- What statement or illustration from the message stuck out to you and why?
- What attributes of God were on display in the passage?
- What encouraged you?
- What point of action/application did you walk away with?
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### Topics for Discussion:

- Awe
- Resurrection Power
- Knowing God
- Suffering

### ? - Intro/icebreaker:

- Any explorers in the group!? Let's hear your best exploration story.

### Discussion Questions:

Paul speaks of his desire to know God - *the kind of knowing that Paul envisions here is not mere intellectual cognizance but rather an intimate relational knowledge between persons.*<sup>1</sup> Dustin asked this probing question: *If God is a book how many pages deep are you?*

? - What can you do to go deeper with the Lord?

? - What characteristic of God has He been impressing on you lately?

? - "Live with the mindset of an explorer" – what would you be excited to learn more about regarding God, the Bible, and your faith?

? - What does Paul mean when he says that he wants to "know Him and the power of His resurrection"?

- Paul connects the power of the resurrection with the ongoing growth of the believer. The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead now lives in believers and exercises that same power in our sanctification.

? - Dustin said that the "byproduct of suffering is greater intimacy with Christ" how have you seen this to be true in your own life?

? - Read and discuss I Peter 4:12-14. What other Scripture comes to mind to help us during trials and hardship?

? - Discuss **Philippians 3:11** *in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.* – Since Paul is not contradicting his own message of salvation by faith apart from works, what IS he saying here?

What encouragement and motivation is there for us in **Philippians 3:13–16**

**13** *Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,*

**14** *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

**15** *Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;*

**16** *however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.*

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew S. Harmon, [Philippians: A Mentor Commentary](#), Mentor Commentaries (Great Britain; Ross-shire: Mentor, 2015), 344.