

SERMON SERIES: MORE THAN HAPPY

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Key Line

The source of our Joy is knowing the **Person** and the **Power** of Jesus.

Introduction

As we've discovered in this series, joy is greater than happiness. Happiness has to do with the situation while Joy comes from a different source despite our circumstances.

Seek the Word

Read Philippians 3:2-6

- He's talking about hungry dogs who travel in packs looking for scraps. What does this look like in our culture?
- What is Paul saying about himself and why?
- Joy does not come from a pedigree or profession or performance. How might you relate to what Paul is saying? Where have you tried to find joy and found it wasn't there?

Read Philippians 3:7-9

- How can these things get in the way of a relationship with Jesus?
- Paul counts all of his accomplishments as garbage or skubala. What does he mean by that?

Read Philippians 3:10-12

- What does it mean to know the person of Jesus instead of knowing about Him?
- We all have the same identity in Christ. What is that identity?
- How is knowing that identity different from being secure in it?
- Isn't it great that Paul acknowledged that he had not obtained perfection, but was still working on knowing Jesus?

Talk About It

- How have you lived your life to obtain joy?
- In what way might you be struggling with defining your identity and joy in your pedigree or profession or performance?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Be aware of when and where you are defining your relationship with Christ through anything that you do.

Challenge: Acknowledge (maybe to a trusted Christian friend) those areas and talk with Jesus about them.