



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 9/6/26

Opener (10 minutes or less)

If you had to replace your home's doorbell with any sound effect, song clip, or line of dialogue, what's playing when guests ring?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:1-11

Questions:

1. How does rejoicing in the Lord serve as a safeguard against the kinds of dangers Paul warns about in this passage? Where do you personally need this reminder?
 2. What "gains" or sources of confidence (religious, moral, professional, relational, etc.) are you most tempted to rely on? What would it look like to count them as loss in comparison to knowing Christ?
 3. In what ways has knowing Christ proven more valuable than other things you once prized?
 4. Where do you still struggle to rest in the righteousness that comes through faith rather than your own efforts?
 5. Why do you think Paul links the power of the resurrection so closely with sharing in Christ's sufferings? How have you experienced (or how might you experience) both aspects in your walk with Jesus?
 6. The passage ends with Paul's longing to "attain the resurrection from the dead" (v. 11). How does keeping the future resurrection in view shape the way we evaluate our present gains, losses, and sufferings? What practical difference does this eternal perspective make in your daily life and decisions?
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Philippians 3:1-11

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,[\[c\]](#) blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.