

March 27th, 2016 Message Discussion Questions

1. Review Philippians 3.7-11 and the main ideas of the message together:
 - What do you remember?
 - What stood out to you?
2. How well would you say you “personally know” God? Why?
3. What seems to make knowing God hard for you?
4. How do you get that relationship to a deeper level?
 - Maybe talk about what is true of “deep” relationships in your life now.
 - What do you do to add depth to earthly relationships?
 - How do these principles apply to your relationship with God?
5. If we’re really dead and in need the “power of the resurrection” to give life to us, should we totally stop trying to “do good things?” How does that balance work in real life?
6. Go around and share some of the high priorities in your life right now (“gain” as Paul calls it in verse 7).
 - What does it mean to view these things as “garbage?”
 - How do we get to a place in our lives where we experience Christ in the way Paul experiences him here?
7. What do you think Paul means when he says he also wants to share in Christ’s sufferings in verse 10?
 - What does that look like for us?
8. Read Philippians 3.12-14 as a group.
 - What stood out to you about these verses?
 - How does this add to your understanding of verses 7-11?
9. Pray with and for each other. Pray specifically for each other’s depth of relationship with God.
 - Finding and praying Colossians 1.9-12 for each other could be a great way to end your time together.