

TOP PRIORITY

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Philippians 3:1-4:1

When <u>doubts</u> & <u>fears</u> creep up in your life, remember <u>who</u> you are in <u>Christ</u>. (3:1-4a)

If you don't know Christ, God's top priority is to <u>convict</u> you of <u>sin</u> so that you'll run to His love & grace. (3:4b-9)

If you know Christ, God's top priority is to immerse you in His love & grace so that you run from sin and hunger deeply for His <u>transforming power</u>. (3:10-17)

God wants us to experience <u>trust</u> & <u>hope</u> in a twisted world as we make knowing Christ our top priority. (3:18-4:1)

Next Steps

- o I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- o I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.
- I will identify 6 people I care about who don't yet know Jesus and pray for them weekly.
- I will prayerfully identify one area of my life where I want to live more like Jesus, envision a preferred future and tell someone about it.



Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during a portion of the break.

Lesson Aim: To grow in our understanding that knowing Christ is life's top priority.

1. **READ Philippians 3:1-4.** Reflecting back on Pastor Josh's message, what was the false teaching that stirred Paul to write such strong words?

2. What are some things that people try to add-on as requirements for salvation today? What do you think motivates this? How can we be set free from this kind of thinking?

3. **READ Philippians 3:5-17.** List all the ways you see Paul's passion for Christ in these verses.

4. What about Paul's passion to know Christ do you relate to the most? What do you find to be the most challenging?

5. **READ Philippians 3:18-4:1**. Compare and contrast the mind on "earthly things" with the mind of a "citizen of heaven."

6. How can we be "heavenly minded" in a way that makes a difference here on earth?

Daily Devotional Plan

Day 1 – James 4

Day 2 – James 5

Day 3 - 1 Peter 1

Day 4 - 1 Peter 2

Day 5 - 1 Peter 3

Day 6 – 1 Peter 4

Day 7 - 1 Peter 5