

## Members' Handout - Philippians 3:1-3:11

Series: Philippians



1. What are the kinds of people that Paul warns the Philippians to look out for in v2 and why does he do so (Optional: refer to Acts 15:5)?
2. According to v3, what is the distinction that Paul draws between these people and the Philippians church (v3) (Optional: refer to Romans 2:29)?
3. In verses 3-4, Paul discusses his background and accomplishments as a Jewish Pharisee. Why does he describe these things, and what does he think of them now in light of his faith in Christ?
4. How might Paul have suffered the 'loss of all things' (v8) as he proclaimed the gospel? How might that have enabled him to 'know Christ and the power of his resurrection' (v10)?
5. In verses 5-6, Paul lists out his 'achievements.' Rewrite verses 5-6 for ourselves: what 'achievements' might we be tempted to put in that resume?
6. Paul compares the value of achievements with the value of knowing Jesus, concluding that knowing Him is of greater worth. Consider what we have gained through Jesus' death and resurrection. How might knowing Jesus be of greater worth and value than the things we have placed our confidence in?
7. Paul likens the loss of his achievements and comfort to sharing in Jesus's suffering and death. Consider our achievements. What might it look like to 'lose them' and follow Jesus? How does the loss of those things deepen our knowledge and experience of Jesus and His resurrection?
8. The gospel is about knowing Jesus, a person, not a philosophy (John 17:3). Share with one another: How might Jesus be drawing you deeper in relationship with him – what might he be calling you to 'count as loss,' or how does knowing him and his resurrection strengthen us to endure the 'loss of all things?'

Sing *I Want to Know You* by CityAlight.

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise  
But what I need, Your word has said  
Is ever, only, Jesus

You died, You live, You reign, You plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever, only, Jesus

I want to know You, Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens, King of my soul  
I trade my treasures and all my rewards  
Jesus to know You, then know You more

Though some should curse me for Your name  
I have no fear, I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever, only, Jesus

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Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
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