



Sermon Discussion Questions

The Surpassing Greatness of Knowing Christ (Philippians 3:1-11)

Philippians: Joyful Unity in the Gospel

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Sermon Overview

Main Idea

In our text today, Paul continues to build on the themes he established in the first two chapters of his very personal letter to the church he loves in Philippi. The passage has three movements:

Sermon Outline

1. Paul's Admonition to the Church (v. 1)
2. Paul's Warning Against the Legalists (v. 2-6)
3. Paul's Ultimate Pursuit (v.7-11)

Discussion Questions

Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or on what did the sermon focus?

Deeper Reflection

1. Paul had a special place in his heart for the Philippians and was concerned of false teachers in their midst. Describe what Paul might have meant by the names he calls these false teachers – dogs, evildoers, and those who mutilate the flesh. What damage might they cause to the young church in Philippi?
2. Read Jeremiah 9:25-26 and Deuteronomy 10:12-22. God was speaking to the people of Israel living under the Mosaic law. For them, circumcision was a required physical act. How would they have interpreted 'circumcision of the heart'? What would they do to follow this command?
3. Read verses 7-11. What do you suppose would be on Paul's 'loss of all things' list? Why was he able to count the worth of what he had lost as 'rubbish'?
4. Edgar suggested we should take an inventory of the things that are diminishing our desires for God or blurring our view of Christ. What are the enticements of your heart? Discuss how to address them.

Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?