



INTRODUCTION

Paul warns the church against finding our confidence as Christians in our religious pedigree or good works. Instead we find infinite worth in knowing Christ.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read Philippians 3:1-11.
- Why were Paul's labels for the "dogs," "evildoers," and "mutilators" especially appropriate? (v. 2)
- Describe the three characteristics of the truly "circumcised." (v. 3)
- Why did Paul decide his credentials (some of them good things) were "but dung?" (v. 8, KJV)
- How do we know the power of his resurrection, share his sufferings, become like him in his death? (v. 10)

APPLICATION

- When do you most need to be reminded to "rejoice in the Lord?" (v. 1)
- What would placing "confidence in the flesh" look like in your life? (v. 4-6)
- List reasons why knowing Christ Jesus as Lord is "of surpassing worth." (v. 8)
- What does it feel like to try to live the Christian life without Christ?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Spend extra time in prayer giving thanks for one another tonight.
- Is there any sin you should confess in light of this passage?
- Are there any other prayer needs?