

Philippians 3:1-11  
The Supreme Value and Joy of Knowing Christ  
Small Group Questions  
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**Open: Read Philippians 3:1-11 (2X out loud if you want)**

**For More Fun:** Make a list of 20-30 observations about the text after reading it!

1. Paul challenges his readers to “Watch out” for those who “put confidence in the flesh” meaning, their own good works v. 2. What achievements (think of a resume) in your life do you trust to open doors for you? How do you base your relationship with God, yourself, or others on your resume?

2. Paul lists his achievements in v. 5-6. Notice what he says. Why does he mention the ones he does? Why do you suppose Paul says, “I count them all loss for the sake of Christ. More than that I count it all rubbish.” Rubbish is the word for crap! Why is Paul being so dramatic?

3. Read v. 8. Paul places a high value on gaining Christ. In North America today people find that thinking insane. Why do you suppose that is so?

4. Read v. 9. Why do you suppose the righteousness found in Christ so incredibly valuable? How do you gain that righteousness and why? (cf. Romans 3:10-11 and Romans 9:30-10:15 for help)

5. Read v. 10-11. Why does Paul mention suffering after spending all his time speaking about the righteousness of Christ compared to our own good works? How does finding your righteousness in Christ affect your view of, or experience of, suffering? (Hint: Note the term fellowship)