

Seeking His Presence
Knowing Christ- is the Treasure
Sunday, August 10, 2025

Philippians 3:8-16 NIV

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

1. The Power of Resurrected Life.

2. Sharing in Suffering.

3. Dying to Self.

Conclusion: When we make knowing Christ our greatest pursuit, we will find ourselves in an endless discovery of treasure the world will never know. Begin where you are; put in practice what you have already learned

and let your heart gaze upon the unfolding beauty of the Lord.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
Knowing Christ- is the Treasure
Week of August 10th-August 16th, 2025

Ice Breaker: How has God revealed Himself to you in unexpected ways?

Read Philippians 3:8-16.

1. What does Paul consider a loss and why? (v.8)
2. What does Paul mean to “know” Christ? (v.8)
3. What value does Paul place on knowing Christ?
4. What is Paul’s value of all worldly achievements/accolades compared to knowing Christ? (v.8)
5. What is Paul teaching about right perspective in what he treasures?
6. What is Paul’s great prize? (v.9)
7. What righteousness is Paul in pursuit of? (v.9)
8. What does Paul want to come to know and share in Christ? (v.10)
9. Why is this important? What does this look like for us? How can and do you know Christ in this manner?
10. Why would God call us to share in the sufferings of Christ? How does this help us know Him?
11. Read 1 Peter 4:13. What do we experience from God in our trials? What is the joy as we endure our trials in steadfast faith?
12. What might you experience regarding the nature of God that can only be found through times of suffering? Read 2 Corinthians 1:5.
13. What does Paul reveal in his own walk? (v.12) How can this be an encouragement for you?
14. What does Paul commit to doing to increase his knowing of Christ? (v.13) What does this mean for Paul?
15. Why is this important to do for our own ability to know Christ?
16. What does Paul persevere to do? What is he focused on? (v.14)
17. Who are the ones who will follow this teaching? (v.15)
18. How do we become mature in Christ?
19. Read John 17:3. What is eternal life? What is the treasure?
20. Read Colossians 3:1-2. How do we seek to know Christ more? How is He revealed more and more to us?
21. What does Paul mean “live up to what we have already attained”? (v.16) How do we do this? How might we fail to do this?
22. Read Psalm 27:4. What does this teach us to practice?

Point to ponder: How well do you know Christ currently? Will you make space to know Him more? Trust as you seek, you will indeed find an infinite treasure in knowing Christ Himself.