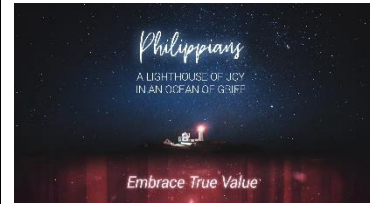


Philippians: A Lighthouse of Joy in an Ocean of Grief

Embrace True Value

Philippians 3:1-11

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Questions for Further Exploration...

1. What is a primary indication that the Christian community has prioritized the exultation of Jesus?
2. What threatens to disparage and erode joy within Christian communities?
3. How can we receive the greatest right or privilege that we could ever be given?
4. Why is Jesus to be embraced as the most valuable treasure we could ever possess?

Exult in Jesus (1-4a)

Q1:

Not in our Credentials (4b-6)

Q2:

Relinquish the Assets of this World (7)

Q3:

To Embrace Jesus instead (8-11)

Q4:

Supporting Scripture

Phil. 1-2

Acts 15:1-2

Lev. 12:2-3
Acts 23:6

John 1:12-13

John 15:13

Thoughtful applications for my personal and corporate life...

Next Week: Always Moving Forward (Phil. 3:12-21)

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<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> -Philippians 3:1-11</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is the characteristic of joy embraced and reflected in our personal lives, and then, what does it look like when embraced and prioritized within the broader Christian community of the church? 2. What were the differences between the Judaizers (those who taught and believed that you needed to be circumcised to be right with God) and true worshipers? (vss. 2-6) 3. In what ways does boasting in our own inherited privilege, traditions, or hard-earned social status rob both the individual and the Christian community of joy? (vs. 5-6) 4. Considering verses 8-9, what do we lose and what do we gain when put our faith in Christ? 5. The aim of our lives, as Paul communicates in verses 10-11, should be participation in Christ. Paul's word for "know" in these verses, is relational and experiential, it is the same word used for an intimate relationship. What qualities might we expect to be present in the life of both a person and Christian community that prioritizes intimacy with Jesus? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches? 4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u></p> <p>Phil. 1-2 Acts 15:1-2 Lev. 12:2-3 Acts 23:6 John 1:12-13 John 15:13</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>