PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons^[a]: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

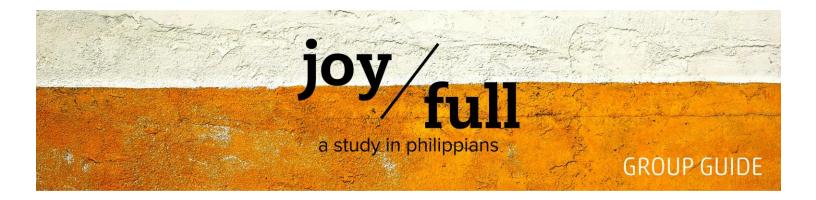
⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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- 1. If money was no object, what would you purchase? Share why.
- 2. Read Philippians 3:1-11.
 - What does it mean to 'rejoice in the Lord'?
 - Why is it significant that we rejoice in the Lord Jesus?
 - How might this shift your perspective and/or ability to worship, even in difficult times? Consider Hebrews 13:8.
- 3. In v. 2-4 Paul warns the Philippian church about a group that has either already arrived in Philippi or is on its way that is teaching a Jesus *and* message.
 - Why is a Jesus *and* belief system dangerous?
 - What are some examples of this you have come across?
- 4. Paul lists identity markers that were highly valued in his culture.
 - What are some identity markers that are highly valued in our culture today?
 - What are some of the things that you may be looking to in order to give you a sense of who you are? Examples your job, relationship status, what you have or have done, etc.
 5 Read Philippians 3:7-9 and discuss the following:
 - What was the cause of Paul's shift in perspective?
 - What reason(s) does Paul give to show how Jesus has surpassing worth?
 - How are these different from what he has previously listed in 3:4-6?
- 5. Paul says our identity as followers of Jesus is relational (identity is based on a relationship with God). How is this different from how you normally think of identity? Share your thoughts.
- 6. When Paul says 'I want to know Christ,' he is using the language of desire.
 - How would you rate your desire to know Jesus right now?
 - What might need to change for that desire to increase and grow?
- 7. Using Colossians 1:15-23, pray and worship Jesus for who he is.





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