

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

1. Read Philippians 1:18, 2:17-18, 2:28, 3:1 and 4:4. Is rejoicing necessary as part of your faith? Why or why not?

2. In Philippians 3:4-9, where does Paul find his identity? Why? How does this correct your view of your own identity?

3. Philippians 3:11 shows Paul's hope in his future resurrection. How does a full hope (bodily resurrection, hope of heaven) give us a greater capacity for joy and service here on earth?

3b. How can you tangibly remind yourself of this hope? What does this produce in you?

4. In Philippians 3:10-11 Paul expresses his desire to share in Christ's sufferings. Why would Paul hope for this?

5. Read Philippians 3:7-8, in which Paul says that the things in his life which used to be to his benefit ("gain"), he now considers as loss/rubbish. What does he say brought about this change of values? What does this say about Jesus? Have you experienced this in your life?
