



February 26 - 27 Sermon | Philippians 3:1-11

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

In this week's DG, we again learned some facts about the Christian life.

1. Read Php. 3:1-11
 - a. According to this passage, what are the potential responses to the gospel?
 - b. What sort of things does Paul list as wrong motives for rejoicing?
 - c. What sort of things are good motives for rejoicing?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

2. Read Gal. 6:12-15.
 - a. What is the motive of those who seek external markers of faith (i.e., circumcisions)?
 - b. What is the eternal marker worth boasting about?

3. Read 1 Tim. 1:13-15.
 - a. What was Paul's former manner of life?
 - b. What caused a change in Him?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

The lesson in Php. 3:1-11 is that Christian life is more than knowledge, it means rejoicing in the Lord and in the hope of the resurrection rather than in our own abilities or accomplishments.

4. Everyone defines faithful Christian life differently:
 - a. What sort of things do you look for in others to see if they are faithful Christians?
 - b. What beliefs or practices in your life show you are a faithful Christian?
5. One of the challenges of Christian life is that we must rejoice in the Lord in all circumstances:
 - a. What are some things in your life that you can rejoice for right now?
 - b. How can you rejoice in the Lord or what He has accomplished in your life today?
 - c. What is a situation or conflict where you are struggling to rejoice in the Lord right now?

PRAYER Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?