

Growth Group Worksheet

February 11, 2018

Philippians 3:1-11

1. In the opening verse of this chapter, Paul urges the Philippian believers to rejoice in the Lord. If it's a command that means it's a choice. What do you suppose are some of the differences between viewing joy as something you look for or wait for and viewing joy as something you *do*?

2. Paul lists reasons he should have confidence in the flesh if anyone should. Next to each one, list a way that you think that kind of self-boasting can show up in a person's life today? Is it the same? Or something different but related?

Paul	Us
Circumcised on the 8th day	
Of the people of Israel	
Of the tribe of Benjamin	
A Hebrew of Hebrews	
As to the law, a Pharisee	
As to zeal, a persecutor of the church	
As to righteousness under the law, blameless	

3. Look at verses 7-9. Why do you think Paul had to "lose" all of those boasting rights in order to know Christ?

4. For Paul, specifically in verse 10, what kind of role does suffering play in his pursuit of Christ?

5. Do we tend to view suffering in the same way? Different? Explain.

6. How do you see this passage impacting your life at this time?

Pray or each other after sharing how the group can really pray for you to live out this particular passage of Scripture.