

REMEMBER

Part 2 – The Treasure

Philippians 3.7-11

Gain: whatever I think makes me good with God

- Religion: You need me!
- Rebellion: I don't need You!
- Relationship: my only hope is Jesus

Everything: all areas of my life

- For clarity, it's not that they're worthless, Jesus just surpasses them
 - RYR – Mark 10

Areas of challenge

1. Reputation
2. Relationships
3. Accomplishments
4. Possessions
5. Comfort

- “If I have to let go of this in order to gain Jesus, it's a good trade.”
 - TRADE – why do it? Because I gave it to you in the first place, and you trust my character
- You don't get this by sight but by faith
- You don't get this by what He might do but by what He has done
- You don't get this by what He might provide for you but by what He has promised you
 - No guarantees, but Jesus often vies it back to us in better form or shape than before because He's a REDEEMER

Gain Jesus

- Be found in Him (v.9)
 - Salvation? Yes, but more
 - United with Him, indwelt by Him, protected by Him, marked by Him (bookmark)
 - Whenever people come looking for me, they find Jesus and me
 - Doesn't happen if I'm seeking to be found elsewhere (be true to myself? Be my own person? Be in the crowd?)
 - No right-standing with God apart from Jesus
- Know Him (v.10)
 - Interactive intimacy
 - Finish another's sentences, anticipate another's thoughts, express another's feelings

- May not be what I'm thinking or feeling, but I know what God is thinking and feeling
 - Power of resurrection – do things we cannot do on our own
 - Sharing in suffering – do you think Jesus doesn't know your suffering? You are sharing in HIS – He knows and cares
 - Some of the most intimate places to meet God are not at the mountaintop but the valley
 - But why sign up for this? Because Jesus is worth it – He's the TREASURE
- Live forever with Him (v.11)

Questions for Discussion:

1. In the sermon, we mentioned religion and rebellion being the two most travelled roads in making ourselves right with God. In light of your spiritual journey, which of those have you travelled down most often? What was the outcome of that? When was the last time you found yourself on that path? How did Jesus rescue you from it?
2. Reread Mark 10.17-31. What values do you see displayed by the people in the story? How do those values determine how they specifically related to the idea of Treasure? If you wrote yourself into the story, which character would you identify most with?
3. Out of the 5 areas of challenge listed above regarding "counting *everything* as loss," which is the greatest area of struggle for you? Do you have other areas that you would list? What would they be? What makes these areas particularly difficult? How has gaining Jesus proved a better trade?
4. In the sermon, we described three ways we gain Jesus: being found in Christ, knowing Christ, and living forever with Christ. Which of those inspires you the most right now, making you want to gain Christ? Why?
5. Regarding knowing Christ, what are two practices that you have in place that draw you closer to God? What are two practices you need to employ that could help the relationship? How would you describe your level of "interactive intimacy" with Jesus?