Philippians 3:1-11: ***The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ***

Jesus is worth more than everything you could ever gain.

1. Remember where our confidence belongs
Philippians 3:1-3; Galatians 5

"Put no confidence in the flesh" → meaning in any _____ ability to achieve salvation

2. Boasting in the flesh
Philippians 3:4-6

3. Nothing compares to knowing Christ
Philippians 3:7-8; Mark 8:35-36; Matthew 11:28-30

Thomas Chalmers: *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection*

Living in obedience isn't trying to ___ less; it's learning to ____ God more

4. Righteousness through Christ Alone
Philippians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8-9

5. Application: What are you counting as gain?
Philippians 3:10-11

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Count everything in light of Him

Philippians 3:1-11: Bible Study Questions

1. Where do you tend to place your confidence?
Paul warns us to "put no confidence in the flesh." What are some good things that can subtly become sources of confidence, identity, or worth?
Read: Philippians 3:3–6; Jeremiah 9:23–24

2. What does "circumcision of the heart" mean?
Paul contrasts outward religious markers with a heart transformed by God. What does Scripture say God is ultimately looking for?
Read: Deuteronomy 10:16; Deuteronomy 30:6; Romans 2:28–29

3. Why can good things become dangerous?
Paul doesn't necessarily consider his heritage, religious zeal, or accomplishments evil. What changed about the way he viewed them after knowing Christ? What good things might we be tempted to make ultimate?
Read: Philippians 3:7–8; Matthew 6:19–21

4. What does it mean to know Christ?
Paul's greatest desire isn't simply to know *about* Jesus but to "know Christ." What does a growing relationship with Christ actually look like?
Read: Philippians 3:8-10; John 15:4–5

5. Where does our righteousness come from?
How does Philippians 3:9 challenge the temptation to earn God's acceptance? How should receiving Christ's righteousness change the way we view ourselves and live?
Read: Philippians 3:9; Ephesians 2:8–9; 2 Corinthians 5:21

6. What are you counting as gain?
If knowing Christ is worth more than everything else, what might God be asking you to revalue, release, or pursue differently?
Read: Philippians 3:7–11; Matthew 13:44-46