

Sunday, 01-22-2023

Gaining in Jesus Christ
Bible Background: Philippians 3:1-11
Printed Text: Philippians 3:7-11 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

Aim for Change:

1. **DISCOVER** Paul's attitude about the value of knowing Christ Jesus
 2. **EXAMINE** feelings of achieving honors compared to feelings living a life in Christ.
 3. **ESTABLISH** a lifelong goal of measuring our achievements against the value of knowing Jesus Christ
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Devotional Reading:

▪ **Thursday – The Value of the Kingdom – Matthew 13:44-46**

1. What is the kingdom of heaven like? Why? (13:44)
2. What happened when the man uncovered the hidden treasure? (13:44)
3. To what did Christ compare the kingdom of heaven? Why? (13:45)
4. What did the man in the parable find? (13:46)

Take Away: Questions you should ask yourself while reading/studying the scripture. It will strengthen your walk with Jesus if you're truly honest with yourself as God already knows.

1. Since the Gospel is true and heaven is our destiny, why are we often “ho-hum” about Christ and the Christian life?
 2. How can we recover the joy and excitement that we had when we first met Christ?
 3. What first step will you make today to recover the joy of knowing Christ?
 4. What items do you need to “sell off” in order to follow Christ and His kingdom?
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Bible Background: Philippians 3:1-6

1. Why do Christian teachers teach the same things repeatedly? (3:1)
 2. What happened to Paul when he was eight days old, and what is far more important than this? (3:2-5)
 3. How well had Paul lived by the law of Moses, and how had he demonstrated his religious zeal before becoming a Christian? (3:6)
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Focal Verses:

▪ **Sunday – The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ – Philippians 3:7-11**

1. How was Paul not boasting, even though he was calling attention to his accomplishments? (3:7-9)
2. Why did Paul view his former accomplishments as "rubbish"? (3:8)
3. What was Paul's status in Christ? (3:9)
4. What longings did Paul admit to the Philippians? (3:10-11)
5. What hope did Paul express? (3:11)

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1. What sorts of things tend to draw you away from Christ?
2. How is the Apostle Paul's commitment to Christ an example to you?
3. What do you need to start counting as rubbish for the sake of Christ?
4. When you face struggles this week, how can you remember to rejoice rather than complain?

Note – *Bold/Italicized*** scripture(s) are additional scriptural reference(s) that may be read during class**

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