



MESSAGE REVIEW

Paul wrote the book of Philippians during one of the most challenging seasons of his life—imprisonment, abandonment, betrayal and facing execution. Yet no other book of the Bible is filled with as much Joy as Philippians. Paul's peace of mind and settled spirit were rooted in authentic Good News. His focus remained steadfast on Jesus as he pressed on toward the prize of Christ-likeness and Heaven.

WARM UP QUESTION

What would you say is your most impressive accomplishment?

- 1 **Read Philippians 3:3-14.** What does Paul list as his impressive human achievements in vs. 3-6? Is he bragging? In light of knowing Christ, how does he now view his resume (vs. 7-8)?
- 2 Where does he now know true righteousness comes from (vs. 9)? Describe a time in your life when you learned or experienced something new and your entire perspective changed as a result.
- 3 What does Paul say he wants to know, according to verses 8 and 10? Do you? Talk about what it means to know something or someone vs. knowing about it/them. What steps can you take to know Jesus better?
- 4 Despite his less than ideal circumstances, what does Paul say he's pressing on towards in verses 12 and 14 (also see Romans 8:29 for cross-reference)? How is our adoption as God's sons and daughters both for now and later?
- 5 How is this season shaping you to be more like Jesus? Are you allowing it or fighting it?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you do it?

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