

Living a life of loss Philippians 3 - week 2



Philippians chapter 3 starts with Paul urging the people to “rejoice” in spite of everything happening in his and their lives.

- *What achievement/s are you most proud of in your life?*

Read Philippians 3:1 - 6

Paul had much to be proud of, some a fact of birth, others things that he had worked hard for. We have all been given some achievements in our lives and many of those serve a purpose which God is using in us.

- *As a church, what are some of our church’s achievements or advantages?*
- *What purpose could they play in our future in our community?*

Read Philippians 3: 7 -11

Paul considered EVERYTHING that he had achieved “in the flesh” as garbage - in comparison to knowing Jesus and having His righteousness. A heart forgiven and obedient to Jesus will always be more important than any position, purpose or achievements we have.

- *How difficult would it be to give up everything you had to obey Jesus?*
- *How do you think this applies to us as a church?*

Read Philippians 3:12 - 14

- *What motivates you to achieve things?*
- *How much of a ‘prize’ is Jesus to you?*
- *When people watch us are they seeing what we are looking at - that our goal is Jesus?*

Read Philippians 3:15-21

- *Can we say to others: “Keep on imitating me”?*
- *Could God point at our lives and say that we are a good model for others to follow?*
- *Is there anybody whose example you follow?*
- *Do we long to know God’s purpose for our lives?*
- *What would the world see if we discovered and fulfilled the purpose of our lives?*