



Leader

4/9 - Philippians 3:7-11

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How is your walk with the Lord? Did you have any opportunities to share the Lord with anyone?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement? How can we pray, encourage, and show love to them?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text. For context, who is Paul writing to, and why is he writing this letter?
Paul is writing to the church in Philippi and he is writing to encourage them. He is reminding them to live out their lives as citizens of a heavenly city.
3. Explain Paul's unusual accounting. What is he communicating to those in Philippi and us today?
What used to be considered gain for Paul; power, fame and prestige, is now considered a loss. Now Christ, who was once considered a loss to him, is the ultimate gain.
4. How is your accounting like currently? What is of surpassing worth in your life? What would your spouse or friend say your surpassing treasure is?
[Dialogue]
5. What is the difference between righteousness that comes from the law and righteousness that comes from faith?
Righteousness that comes from the law is a false notion that occurs when someone looks to their own "good works" as their source of righteousness (i.e. the outside of the cup is clean, but the inside is dirty). The righteousness that comes from Jesus is a righteousness that come by grace through faith. This righteousness is not produced by one's own works, it comes from the work of Jesus Christ. This righteousness is eternal and salvific.
6. Verse 10 mentions sharing in suffering, becoming like Jesus in death, and a resurrection from the dead. How would you put this complex verse in your own words?
Example: If I am "in" Christ, anything that Christ gains, I gain. If we share in His suffering by being ambassadors of Christ, and if we die to ourselves through faith and repentance, we too will know the power of the resurrection because we too will overcome death, get resurrected bodies and spend eternity with God."
7. How would you use this passage to share the gospel with someone? How could you align your testimony with this text?
[Dialogue]

8. How does this text cause us to change? What does it make you consider in your own life?

[Dialogue]

9. How might you share this passage/truth with someone else? A child? A family member?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Is there anyone that needs an invite to our church or this group?
- Is there anyone you know who needs to hear what we learned today in God's word?
- Does anyone here need a "refresher" on how to share the gospel?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Without getting too specific, is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply his word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

HOMEWORK:

- **Memorize our weekly "Fighter Verse"** - Psalm 96:9-10

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible (Crossway)