

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing

Sermon: Rejoice!

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God[**b**] and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,[**c**] blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Questions:

- How are you trying to be self-sufficient? What is that cutting you off from? How could you flourish more if you opened yourself up to help?
- What is your main thing? Where is Jesus on your list? What pushes him down for you?
- Have you ever thought of yourself as “in Christ”? In Christ all the time, everywhere you go. How does that make you feel? What would it be like to have the help and companionship of your loving savior available anytime?

Prayer:

Lord—I am so easily captured by my desires, my plans, my agenda. Open my eyes to see how your plans for me are dramatically better. Help me to trust you with everything. Forgive me for my efforts at trying to put you in my debt with my resume of things I think please you. Help me to recognize the surpassing worth of knowing you and being found in you, today and all the days to come. Lord, let me live in you, know you deeply, and live in your way, even when it is uncomfortable. I trust you, help my lack of trust. Use me Lord for your rescue mission!

Amen.