

Midweek Study Lesson Questions 07/15/2026

Sunday July 12, 2026

Living for What Matters Most, Philippians 3: 7 - 14

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I. Getting to Know “Yourself”

Reflection:

What was something that you held onto in the pass that you had to let go to see Christ more clearly?

Explain the following points in reference to Sunday’s sermon.

1. Seeing Christ Rightly Changes the Value of Everything Else –

2. The Greatest Treasure Is Knowing Christ –

3. Kingdom People Live with a Forward Focus –

Paul’s great aim is not just Christ’s gifts but Christ himself.

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Observation Question

What specific things does Paul say he "counted as loss" after encountering Christ?

Interpretation Question

What does it mean to be "found in Him" (v. 9) rather than relying on titles or self-made righteousness?

Application Question

Holiness requires intentionality. What daily habit (e.g., prayer, Scripture) needs to become non-negotiable to keep Christ central?

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Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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Philippians 3:4 *Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:* **5** *Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;* **6** *Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.* **7** *But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.*

Key Takeaways

- **1. Seeing Christ reorders the columns.** When Jesus becomes the measure, old gains move to loss and Christ moves to gain. Identity unhooks from pedigree, performance, and image, and hooks into being found in him. This is not self hate; it is right valuation. The shift starts once and keeps happening as the heart keeps counting.
- **2. Be found in Him, not titles.** Righteousness that stands in God's court is not self-made or title based, it is received by faith in Christ. Being in him gives safety on the worst day and humility on the best day. Ministry roles are useful, but union with Christ is life. The center must be a Person, not a position.
- **3. Know Him in power and pain.** Resurrection power raises what is dead, and shared suffering shapes the soul into Christ's likeness. Trials work like acid on a diamond, exposing what is real and burning off the crust. Complaining stretches the furnace time, but trust and praise make room for grace to do its work. **[26:09]**
- **4. Forget the past, reach ahead.** The past can witness grace, but it cannot drive the car. Neither old shame nor old victories get to set the direction of a life hidden in Christ. Confessed sin is not lord, and yesterday's obedience does not replace today's surrender. The mark is forward, so the heart leans forward.
- **5. Press on, do not drift.** Holiness requires intention, not accident. Life's noise, comfort, and convenience can cause the soul to drift unless we live with purpose. Our habits should show that Christ is first, receiving our best attention, time, and desire. Grace began the pursuit, so pressing on is our response—not an attempt to save ourselves.