

Philippians 3:8-11

4 goals of a relationship with Christ so that you will assess your relationship with Him

A central theme of Philippians is? _____

The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ (v. 8a)

1. Gain Christ (v. 8b)

Everything else is called _____ compared to gaining Christ

'Gain' means _____

2. Found in Christ (v. 9)

3. Know Christ (v. 10)

a. Power of His resurrection

b. Share His sufferings

4. With Christ (v. 11)

Application of Phil 3:8-11

1. Do you continue to live your life in a way that demonstrates everything is like 'rubbish/dung' compared to knowing Christ?
2. What is in your heart that is evident in what you do and how you spend your time that shows a lack of love for Christ (note: we all lack love for Christ in some form while on this earth)? Repent of this and ask God to change your heart toward Him.
3. What is something you can do or a change in attitude to apply so that you grow in your relationship with the Lord?
4. Do you have the same perspective as Paul that suffering is helpful for us to grow in our relationship with God? How will you respond to suffering in light of this passage?
5. Think back to times of suffering in your own life and how God has come close to support you. Then, thank Him for His loving grace, compassion and strength in times of past and ask for His help again in whatever your situation and need is now.

Reading this week: Read Phil chapter 3 each day this week.