



More Than Charades

OPEN IT

1. What is your most prized possession? What makes it so valuable to you?

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Day 1

TODAY'S THEME: EXPLORE IT

Read Philippians 3:1-11

2. Who does Paul warn the Philippians to look out for? What do you think he means by this?
3. What are some of the reasons Paul says he could put confidence in the flesh?
4. How does Paul view the works of his flesh? What value does Paul give his relationship with Jesus versus his works in the flesh?
5. Where does Paul say his righteousness really comes from?

Day 3

TODAY'S THEME: KNOWING CHRIST

Read Philippians 3:8-11

Paul says that there is nothing better in life than knowing Christ! Would you honestly say the same thing? Everything in life pales in comparison to knowing Jesus! All the accomplishments you have achieved, all the possessions you have, or anything else in life is rubbish compared to knowing Jesus!

There are two words for “know” in the original language. One word means to just to know something or someone intellectually. The other word for “know,” which we find in our Philippians passage, is to know someone or something experientially. To help distinguish between these two words, you can know “intellectually” that there is electricity in the wall, but you can “experientially” know electricity if you stick a metal fork in a socket. (Please don’t do this!) Or you can “intellectually” know that Michael Jordan was the best basketball player to ever play for the Chicago Bulls, but most likely you have never “experientially” known Michael Jordan face to face! The “experiential” know is found in Philippians 3:8 & 10. God wants us to know Him “experientially.”

Paul wants to experientially know Jesus in the highs of life through the power of the resurrection of Jesus. Paul says that he wants to know Jesus in the difficult times of life by participating in the sufferings of Jesus. You could say that Philippians 3:10 is Paul’s life verse, “I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.” This “knowing Jesus” is what lies at the heart of being able to rejoice in the Lord in both the good and the difficult times in life.

Is this the desire of your life: to know Christ above all else? Make this the prayer and desire of your heart, because nothing else in life matters besides Jesus!

8. Who do you know the most about in life? How did you get to know this person so well? Share something unique that you know about this person.

9. On a scale of 1–10, how well would you say that you know Jesus? Why did you give that number?

10. What do you think it would take for you to know Jesus better?