

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*Philippians 3:4-9*

These questions are for the **February 16, 2025** message, “**Knowing Christ, Part 1.**” Please read the sermon passage together to set the context for our study.

### Passage Outline

#### **Our confidence is in...**

1. Knowing Christ. (7-8)
2. Gaining Christ. (8)
3. Being found in Christ (9)

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Jacob talked about our tendency to assign great value to things like money, or status, or power. And when we have these things, we tend to feel confident. But Philippians 3:7-8 makes it clear that “knowing Christ” alone, as Lord and Savior is a source of true, well-founded confidence. When we press into Christ, He makes Himself known to us. He shows us His love, and His faithfulness. What are some ways that relying too heavily on worldly things can keep us from experiencing Jesus the way He would like us to know Him?
2. The Apostle Paul had experienced great, worldly gain before Jesus’ ministry. He had wealth, good standing in the community, cultural superiority, respect, authority, the admiration of his peers. Paul had it all. And yet, he counted all of that as loss, as he gave it all up to “gain” Christ. In fact, he was willing to endure great loss and discomfort for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How do you explain this transformation in Paul? When you honestly evaluate the things that are important to you, how do they stack up against the value of a saving relationship with Jesus? Why do you think so many people reject Jesus, in favor of wealth and worldly favor?
3. What does it mean to be “found in Christ?” Is it possible to give Jesus “partial ownership” of you when you commit yourself to Him? When God transforms you, giving you His righteousness, how does that change your relationship with Him?
4. Can we come to God with a righteousness of our own, rooted in our own goodness and doing our best? Why or why not?
5. How can your Life Group encourage you to trust Jesus completely, and to find your confidence in Him rather than your own accomplishments or possessions?