



Part 6: King Supreme

Philippians 3:1-21

Note: We have provided more questions here than you will likely need. Please pick and choose the questions you think will create the best discussion in your group.

Ask

- At the beginning of the message Pastor Lance encouraged us to fight to keep Christ our one true and deepest love. How do we do that practically, and why does it matter? How have you seen others do this well?

Discuss

Read

Read Philippians 3:1

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

Watch

Watch the first video clip at www.bridgeway.church/ambassadors.

Ask

- Why is joy such a big deal in God's eyes?
- What is one truth about God that helps you keep your joy level up?
- What is God doing in your life or in the world right now that is bringing you, or people around you, joy?

Read

Read Philippians 3:7-8

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, 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."

- Pastor Lance said that sometimes we need to unlearn some stuff from our past religious environments if we are going to grow in Christ. What have you had to unlearn? Is there anything you're still trying to unlearn?
- What is there from your past that has helped you continue to grow in faith?

Read

Read Philippians 3:9-13a

"...and 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 - that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own."

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Ask

- Do you have a hard time accepting that your salvation is all about faith and not about works? Why or why not?
- Why is it that we tend to slip into a “do more, try harder” mentality?
- What is the difference between growing in Christ and works-based religion?

Read

Read Philippians 3:13b-16

“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.”

Ask

- What is the difference between being properly accountable for our past actions and overly dwelling on the past?
- How can the promise of what God has for us in the future lead us to live with passion and enthusiasm today?

Read

Read Philippians 3:17-21

“Brothers (and sisters), join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”

Ask

- In the sermon Pastor Lance used the analogy of rock climbers climbing together to describe how we can learn from each other's experiences to help us grow. How have you benefited from the experience of friends and mentors who have gone before you? How have you used your experience to help others?

Close

Pray

This will likely be your group's last meeting before Christmas and your last meeting of the year. Spend some time sharing prayer requests (you may want to break into smaller groups if your group is large), and then pray for each other. Pray also that you would each experience the joy of Jesus during this Christmas season.