

### A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS

#### LESSON 10 PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9

- 1. What did you appreciate the most from last week's study of **Philippians 3:1-6** and why?
- 2. Pray and ask God to help you know Him better, then read **Philippians 3:7-9**. Write down any repeated words, themes or contrasts.
- 3. a) From **V7**, what are the "gains" (spiritual credentials) Paul was referring to? (Look back to **V4-6** or to questions 10a & b in last week's lesson).
  - b) What do you think Paul meant when he said he considered his gains a "loss for the sake of Christ"?
- 4. How does **Mark 8:35-36** expand your thinking on what Paul was saying? How does that relate to any part of your faith story?

5. Read **V8** and define "surpassing worth" in the context of knowing Jesus.

- 6. a) Name a few things the world often deems to be of great worth (these could be actual items, qualities or ideas).
  - b) What compels or convicts you from the Biblical view of worth in:
    - Acts 20:24
    - Romans 8:18
    - 1 Peter 3:4
- 7. Paul said, "knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" was of surpassing worth. Share an example of how knowing God has been of surpassing worth in your own life (as revealed in your actions or attitudes).

8. Paul considered all his "gains" as loss or "garbage" in comparison to knowing Christ! In the same way, what are some "gains" in your own life that you now consider "garbage" (or perhaps should consider "garbage")?

- 9. a) Read V8b-9. What point was Paul making about righteousness?
  - b) What further clarity about righteousness is found in:
    - Romans 3:20-23
    - 2 Corinthians 5:21

- 10. Read **Romans 1:17**. Then, take a few minutes to examine where you are currently in your faith. Are there areas in your life where you are struggling to live by faith? What are they?
- 11. What specific insight or truth have you gained from this lesson that will help you *press on in* <u>confidence</u>?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

- 1. Paul taught the Philippians about true righteousness. What foundational truth regarding righteousness is found in **Ecclesiastes 7:20**?
- 2. a) How will God respond to us in His righteousness according to:
  - Psalm 96:13
  - Hosea 2:19
  - 2 Timothy 4:8
  - b) How are we to respond as a result of His righteousness according to:
    - Isaiah 61:10
    - 1 Peter 2:24
- 3. Of all the verses about righteousness, which one did you appreciate the most and why?
- 4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: Philippians 3:8a
  - b) Form a prayer of thanksgiving to your Righteous Lord.

# NAME

## PRAYER REQUEST