



Community Group Sermon Application Questions- Week of Sunday 12/1

Philippians 3:10-14: “Taken Hold of By Christ”

Central Truth: Our great hope is found in knowing the risen Christ, who has taken ahold of us so that we can pursue Him for live everlasting.

Begin by reading the passage together. In this passage we see:

Essential Ingredients for True Hope:

Commit to know the whole person of Christ

Run toward the Savior who rescued you first

Keep pressing on, knowing you haven’t arrived until you reach glory.

- 1) How would you describe “knowing Christ” to someone else? How does “knowing Christ” differ from knowing “about” Christ? Why do you think it is significant that Paul places “knowing Christ” as his chief goal, and how does it stand in contrast what defined Paul before Christ saved him (see. 3:4-6)?
- 2) Why must knowing Christ entail experiencing His power AND sharing in His sufferings? How does the presence of both in our lives prepare us for spending eternity with Him?
- 3) How does the fact that Christ has made us His own before we fully take hold of Him (v. 10) bring us comfort? How does this truth empower us to pursue Him wholeheartedly and avoid spiritual complacency?
- 4) When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippian church, he had been following Christ faithfully and passionately for 30 years. Yet he says in verse 13: “I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it.” How does this statement strike you? What can we learn from this example about humility and consistency before the Lord?
- 5) What does it look like to not allow our past achievements nor our past failures in life define us (v. 13)? How can too much focus on our past (both good and bad) cripple our spiritual life?
- 6) Practically, what does it look like for each of us to encourage one another to live out the call in v. 14: “I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus”? Give examples in your discussion.