

Text: Philippians 3:7-14 (ESV)

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 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. 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.

Big Idea: Knowing Christ and the Power of his Resurrection

Outline:

1. Treasuring Christ
 1. Knowing Christ
 2. Knowing the Power of the Resurrection

Questions:

1. What areas of life do you tend to hold up as your standard?
2. How do your priorities affect your worship?
3. What things crowd out worship and keep you from treasuring Christ above all else?
4. What does it mean for us to press forward to take hold of Christ?

Christ Raised from the Dead means:

- we have forgiveness for our deepest sin
- we have a mediator who pleads our case before the Father. He intercedes for us.
- we have the indwelling Spirit who is at WORK IN us...
- we have eternal life that begins now...
- we have access to an everlasting JOY that will NOT be cut off by death — because Jesus has victory over death...

Other Scriptures:

- John 10
- Romans 8:11
- Colossians 1:28-29

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” - Revelation 5:12