

ROAD TO JOY: A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS
The Joy of Confidence in Christ, Philippians 3:1-11

LEARNING THE WORD

1. Read Philippians 3:1-11. What words or phrases surprise you? What catches your attention? What is the big idea?
2. In verses 4-6, Paul gives the “resumé” of his religious heritage. What stands out in his background? What point is Paul making?
3. In verses 7-8, what does Paul’s profit and loss report look like? What things are on the gain side and what things are on the loss side? What changed everything for Paul?
4. In verse 9, Paul says he does everything “in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him.” What does it mean to be “found in Christ”? What insights are given in these verse?
5. In verses 3 and 9, Paul writes about where we ought to look for confidence. According to Paul, where is the wrong place to look? And where is the right place to look for confidence?

LIVING THE WORD

6. In our world, we don’t usually trot out our religious resumé, but what are other areas or ways that we live by proving our “resumé”? What is one area of life where you feel pressure to perform?
7. How does a “resumé righteousness” approach to life inevitably end in despair? How does this mentality shape our lives?
8. How does the joy of confidence in Christ make you “bulletproof” or provide a shield against resumé righteousness? In other words, how does the gospel of God’s grace help you combat a performance or works based mindset in your life?
9. How has this lesson helped you see the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus? Is Jesus your “super thing” (the one thing that shines more brightly to you than everything else)?
10. What is one way you want to live out what you’ve learned in these verses or through this lesson?