## PART THREE

Philippians 3:10-14 // October 16



### Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

## **REFLECT/CONNECT**

In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?



### Reflect/Connect

• Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

#### Grow in the Word

• These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people. • What would you consider to be a passion or long-term goal for yourself or your loved ones?

## **GROW IN THE WORD**

Paul continued to explain his singular passion in life: to know Christ, to experience his power, and to share in his suffering and sacrifice (v. 10-11).

- What did Paul mean when he wrote that he wanted to know "the power of his resurrection"? See Romans 6:4-7; Ephesians 1:18-20; Colossians 1:10-12.
- How would sharing in Jesus' suffering lead to knowing him more deeply?
- Did Paul doubt that he would be resurrected from the dead in verse 11? If not, what did he mean? See Romans 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; 2 Peter 1:10-11; Hebrews 11:35.

Paul explained that he had not yet reached his goal of knowing and following Jesus perfectly. He described his zeal to continue pursuing the upward call of following Christ no matter his stage of life (v. 12-14).

- How would you describe what Paul is striving to obtain or "lay hold of" in these verses? In other words, what is the "prize of the upward call of God"?
- Why does Paul need to forget "what lies behind" in order to continue pursuing Christ? In what ways can you relate to Paul's mindset in verse 13?
- What do you need to put behind you in order to pursue Christ more wholeheartedly?

### **GROW IN THE WORD**

By his example, Paul urged the Philippians to passionately pursue Christ and to keep on pursuing him.

• What stands out to you about how Paul described his desire to know and follow Jesus in this passage? Describe why it stands out.

• How does Paul's passion in these verses inspire, encourage, or convict you in your own pursuit of knowing Jesus?

# SERIES RESOURCES

## **OVERVIEW: PHILIPPIANS**

An animated video by the Bible Project provides a thorough overview of the book of Philippians. The video offers a great summary of the book while emphasizing that every Christian's story can be an expression of Jesus' ultimate story.

<u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/philippians/</u>

## INTRODUCTION TO PHILIPPIANS

A fundamental introduction to the book of Philippians from the ESV Study Bible. Get a quick synopsis of the book's background to help you gain a better understanding of the book of Philippians as a whole.

• <u>https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-philippians/</u>

## PHILIPPIANS: A COMMENTARY BY THE GOSPEL COALITION

A free, downloadable commentary of the entire book of Philippians. This commentary offers background material and a section-by-section commentary of the entire book.

<u>https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/philippians/</u>

### BE JOYFUL: EVEN WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, YOU CAN HAVE JOY BY WARREN WIERSBE

A timeless resource by one of this generation's most trusted teachers, Be Joyful gives readers invaluable insights into the history, meaning, and context of Philippians. This new version includes study questions at the end of each chapter to aid readers in reflection and application.

<u>https://www.amazon.com/Be-Joyful-Philippians-Things-Commentary-ebook/dp/B005MT7WSC/ref=tmm\_kin\_swatch\_0?</u>
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### LIFE LESSONS FROM PHILIPPIANS: GUIDE TO JOY BY MAX LUCADO

A guide through the book of Philippians by pastor and author Max Lucado that offers its readers thoughtful questions, encouraging stories, and reflections to dig deeper into God's Word. Lucado unpacks Paul's letter to the young church emphasizing Paul's focus on living a life full of joy, peace, and contentment even in the midst of trouble.

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