

Sermon Discussion Guide




Look Out!

Philippians 3:1-11

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

- 1 When was the first time you heard the message, "Your good works cannot earn heaven"?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?
- 3 Most people think that heaven will be like the TV show, "The Good Place". Brandon read several examples from the clip. Do you think there is universal agreement on what constitutes a good or a bad action? What is faulty with believing that only the cream of the crop, the best of the best, will experience eternal bliss?
- 4 As Saul, Paul listed numerous credentials in his gain category. What were they? Is there one with which you can particularly resonate?

- 5 What happened to Saul that made him stop putting confidence in his flesh? In your own words, what does it mean to count all your gain as loss? What was the point of the illustration about Lucifer the Hippo?
- 6 Why did Brandon say, “It’s easy to admit you’re a sinner. It’s much harder to renounce your goodness”?
- 7 Re-read Philippians 3:9-10. What is the role of faith in salvation?
- 8 Why did Brandon ask, “Mom’s are you tired?” Discuss the following quote by Caroline Cobb. How does it apply to everyone, not just mothers?

In the gospel, he invites me to run to the wonder of the cross. Rather than wallowing in my shame or striving to make the grade as a mom, I can ask my kids for forgiveness and then point them not to a perfect mom, but to a perfect Savior. And I do it again and again, because we never outgrow the gospel.

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?