

WEEK TWO - HOMEWORK

At some point during the week, read all of Philippians start to finish. We'll do this each week as it will help us get more and more familiar with the book.

Day 1 - Quick Review & Philippians 3:1-7

Take some time to reorient yourself to where we are in Philippians.

Write a brief summary of what you think are some of the most important things we've seen so far in Philippians 1 and 2:

What are some of Paul's main themes/ideas that you've seen so far?

Read all of Philippians 3

Today we'll focus on the first 7 verses.

Read verses 1-2

Paul starts out a new section of thought with a couple of commands in these verses: what are they?

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The second command is to look out for some people - who Paul uses 3 different adjectives to describe. **Who should the Philippians watch out for?**

Look up Philippians 3:2 in the New Living Translation online to give you a better understanding of what Paul means when he says 'those who mutilate the flesh' and record what you discover below:

Day 2 - Philippians 3:7-14

Read Philippians 3:7-14

Look at verse 8 - why does Paul count everything as loss?

We see Paul is trading his old life/aspirations (in Day One's section) and trading them for new aspirations. These aspirations are marked by 3 key "Thats"

What are Paul's new aspirations found in verses 8-9a, 10, and 11?

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Let's break down these new goals one by one.

First Paul hopes to "gain Christ and be found in him" in verses 8-9.

According to verse 9 what comes with being found in Christ?

How does the origin of this righteousness compare with Paul's previous life?

Read Romans 10:1-10

How does this add to your understanding of righteousness that comes from God?

Secondly, Paul aspires to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and share his sufferings.

Look up this verse in a couple different translations and record below how this helps your understanding of what this means.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 - how does this passage help you think through what it means to “share in his sufferings”

Finally, Paul’s last aspiration is that he would attain resurrection from the dead. Day Three’s homework will talk a little more about this, but let’s look at a few passages to see what resurrection from the dead means and looks like for us as believers.

Record what you learn from these passages below:

- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-16:**

- **1 Corinthians 15:50-57:**

- **1 John 3:1-2**

According to verses 12-13, where is Paul at in his journey toward these goals?

What is his response to where he is at currently? (verse 13-14)

A P P L I C A T I O N - Day 2

- How does Paul's reaction of counting everything a loss compared to knowing Christ compare to your own mentality?
 - What are some things you find yourself counting as more valuable than knowing Christ?

- Where have you seen the power of Christ at work in your life or in the lives of those around you?

- What do you need to do to "press on toward the goal"? What would make that easier? How can others keep you accountable?

Day 3 - Philippians 3:15-21

Read this section

What way should those who are mature think that we see in verse 15 - recap the mentality Paul lays out in verses 7-14 in your own words:

What does Paul call the Philipipans to do in verses 16 and 17?

In verse 18-19 Paul highlights a group of people. Who are they and what are they marked by?

How are the Philippians contrasted with this group of people in verse 20? What are they marked by?

According to verse 21 - what will Christ do and how?

