

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM MARCH 19, 2017

PHILIPPIANS

~~TO LIVE IS CHRIST~~

BIG IDEA:

A lot of times at Wake, we'll look at a topic or situation in our lives and see what the scripture has to say about it. This month, we are looking at God's Word and how we should live our lives because of the truth in it.

This week we look at Philippians 3 and Paul calls us to have faith in Christ. He says that we are to count everything other than Christ as a loss and that compared to Jesus, everything is trash. Paul says to put our trust in the treasure of Jesus and that what we value determines what we will ultimately do and who we will decide to follow.

ICE BREAKER:

What is your favorite trophy, medal, or award you have ever won and what was it for?

Discussion:

Read Philippians 3

1. Philippians 3:7, Paul talks about "gain." What is the most valuable thing you possess or want to gain right now?
2. How do you determine what has true value and what is worthless?
3. Read Philippians 3:8. What does it mean to truly know Jesus?
4. Philippians 3:8 Continued. Paul says "For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish." How do the things that you value compare to know and "gaining Christ"?
5. What does Paul mean in vs. 9 when he says, "the righteousness from God depends on faith"?
See Isaiah 64:6
6. All in the bible we find the promises of God's goodness and inheritance that we have, but what is the true treasure that we have?

*Jesus is our true treasure, even the things he gives you aren't the treasure Paul talks about.
Jesus is our salvation, hope, and the treasure.*

7. To trash our treasure means we are ignoring Jesus. What are some ways you see yourself trashing your treasure?
8. What are the influences in your life that are pointing you to worthless objects and steering you away from the treasure of Christ? (TV shows, music, friends, etc.) Is it hard to deem other things "worthless"?
9. Philippians 3:14. How does what you treasure determine what you do?

Application:

10. What are the prizes, trophies, and treasures that you have in your trash can? What are some more objects you could add to that "trash can" to grow further from those possessions and closer to Christ?

"I don't need _____, I have Jesus."

11. What would your life look like if Christ were enough? Are you a man/woman whose God is enough?
12. When you treasure something you don't just hide it and keep it to yourself, instead you go back and admire it, you maintain the presence of it, you show it off to your friends, and you think about it all of the time. What area of your life can you grow in to confidently call others to follow you as you follow Christ, our treasure?