

# PHILIPPIANS 3:10-16

## Sermon Reflection Questions

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*These questions are designed to help individuals, families, and small groups discuss and apply passages in the Philippians sermon series as taught at Grace Bible Church in fall 2018.*

### Observe & Interpret

**Read** Philippians 3:10-16. How does this section relate to Philippians 3:1-9?

What was the one primary pursuit of Paul's life? How did that pursuit differ from Paul's previous pursuits (cf. 1 Timothy 1:12-16)?

How do we experience the "fellowship of His sufferings"? What does it mean to be "conformed to His death"?

What does Paul mean in verse 11, "...if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." Is "attaining" resurrection conditional or unconditional for believers (cf. Hebrews 11:35; Acts 7:55-56; 1 Corinthians 15:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)?

What is the "prize" Paul referred to in Philippians 3:14 (1 John 3:1-3; Phil 3:20-21)?

### Apply

Before knowing Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul was driven by rules and self-righteousness. Are you "running" by rules or "running" toward relationship with Jesus?

What are some goals that you are currently pursuing? Does your passion for these goals reflect their value relative to the value of knowing Jesus Christ? How can you adjust your goals to reflect the surpassing value of Jesus Christ?

How will you renew your passion and pursuit of Christ this week?

**Memorize: Philippians 3:13-14.** Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.