

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of January 9, 2022

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to “break the ice” and get people talking)

- Of the vehicles you've owned, which was your favorite? Why? Which was your least favorite? Why?
- What is one of the nicest things that someone has ever done for you? What difference did it make?
- Our 2nd 'initiative' for this semester is for our group to "Identify one person to encourage spiritually." Who is someone in your life that could use some spiritual encouragement?
- Read Philippians 3:7. The "gains" he's talking about are found in vs. 5-6. They have to do with ethnic traditions and religious behaviors. What are some ethnic traditions or religious behaviors that we might be tempted to regard as "gains?"
- What "gains" could Paul have had from the things listed in vs. 5-6?
- Read Acts 9:3-5. In this passage, Paul came to a sudden realization of a choice that had to be made: to trust Himself or trust Jesus (read Philippians 3:9). Share your salvation story with your group. Is your story like Paul's...one of a "sudden realization" of a choice that had to be made?
- Read Philippians 3:8. Paul counted "all things" as loss/dung in order to know Christ. What are some things that we sometimes choose over knowing Christ? What impact does this have in our lives?
- What is an achievement you've had (not necessarily spiritual) that required a level of devotion? Paul was essentially saying, "I'm devoting my life to knowing Jesus." What difficult choices would you need to make to be able to say this?
- Read Philippians 3:10. Those that know Christ live as though He is alive, suffer differently, are quick to forgive, and are concerned about the lost. How does living a life devoted to knowing Jesus lead to these outcomes?
- Take some time to pray together.

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