



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of November 13, 2023

1. Have you ever had to move money between different bank accounts? How did you do it? Did you have a good reason for transferring the money from one account to the other? Share some of your story.
2. Have two different people read **Philippians 3:7-11** in two different Bible translations aloud for the group. How would you explain the 'big idea' of this section in your own words?
3. In the previous section (verse 5-7), Paul said that he counted his family lineage, education, and religious accomplishments as a loss, so that he could gain the profit of a relationship with Christ. Then in verse 8, Paul goes a step further. What else did Paul put in the "loss column"? What is the definition of "rubbish"?

What are some common things that people (even Christians) value more than their relationship with Christ? How can wrong priorities be repaired and recalibrated? (see also Matthew 6:33)

4. What is the difference between "knowing about" someone and truly "knowing" someone? How can someone come to "know" Jesus Christ in a genuine way? Name some practical ways that a person can engage in a real relationship with Christ:

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5. The Bible explains that the same POWER that raised Jesus in resurrection is available to us for our everyday Christian lives (see Ephesians 1:19). What are some areas of your daily Christian life where you need to rely more on God's power?
6. Have you ever followed behind another person's footsteps at the beach? Paul wanted to follow behind Jesus even if it led to suffering. Should we be afraid of suffering hardship or ridicule for Christ? (read Matthew 5:11-12). What is the connection between earthly pain and salvation's eternal payoff?
7. Spend some time in prayer, giving various group members an opportunity to pray. Confess the sin preferring worldly things over a relationship with Christ. Pray for renewed power and right priorities. Pray that nothing will ever be so important in your life that it gets in the way of knowing Christ.