

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

Love Knows Jesus Intimately

Philippians 3:4b-11

Message Reflection Guide

How can we better encounter the compassionate heart of God and enter into fellowship with Christ's suffering? Answered simply, by experiencing God's Book. It is one thing to read the narratives of Scripture and understand biblical events. It is another thing to experience Scripture and sense the impact of those events on the heart of God.

The only way I know to share with you what I mean is to walk with you through experiencing Philippians 3:10, "I want to know Christ...and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings."

- David Ferguson, *The Great Commandment Principle*

CONVERSATION STARTER

Describe a gift you received that did not meet your personality.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read Philippians 3:4b-11

Brandon said, "**Knowing Jesus intimately changes the way we love others.**" What does it look like to "know" Jesus? How does knowing Jesus affect your relationships with other people?

Paul talks about the many reasons he could have used to justify his salvation (vv 4b-6). How do you personally compare to this line of thinking? How does our self-righteousness still affect our lives after conversion?

Paul says, "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection." How does knowing the power of his resurrection affect your life? What is the consequence of neglecting the power of Christ's resurrection in our lives?

How do you plan to know Jesus more intimately? We are called to be disciples that make other disciples (2 Timothy 2:2). How can you help others around you love Jesus more intimately?

MAKING IT REAL

Try praying this: Dear God, we desire to know you more intimately. We ask that you would reveal yourself to us through scriptures and your Holy Spirit. We want to have a deeper fellowship with you. We want to share in your sufferings for the sake of showing audacious love towards our families, neighbors, and friends. In Jesus's name, Amen.