

Beware Of Dogs
Philippians: Joy in Every Circumstance
June 23, 2024

Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read *Philippians 3:1-11*.

How does being joyful, or rejoicing in the Lord, no matter our circumstances, strengthen or safeguard your faith?

Why is legalism so damaging to our walk with Jesus?

How has legalism impacted your faith journey?

How might you guard yourself and others from being affected by legalistic thinking or behavior?

What credentials, advantages or accomplishments do you have that you might be proud of?

What does Paul say matters more than anything else? Is that what matters most to you? How is that priority affirmed or contradicted by the way you live each day?

How does Paul say we are made right with Christ in verse 10? Do you share Paul's longing to know Christ and to experience the power of the Holy Spirit? What does that longing motivate you to respond?

2. Read *Philippians 3:12-14*.

What is the prize that Paul is pursuing in verse 14?

What is your 'one thing'? What does pressing forward look like for you?

3. Read *Philippians 3:15-21*.

What kinds of things preoccupy those who Paul describes as 'enemies of the cross'?

What things should occupy the mind and heart of those who have chosen to follow Christ?

Of which nation/kingdom are you a citizen? Where does your loyalty primarily lie? How does that affect the way you live here and now?

How might you improve your 'running form' this week as you continue the race to which Christ has called you?