

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, December 20, 2020



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Paul reminds the Philippians that relationship with Christ is exceedingly more valuable than all else and that in Christ, we gain salvation, justification, sanctification, and the determination to grow in holiness.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What did Paul count as loss in comparison to gaining Christ (verses 7-8)?
- How does a sinner reconcile with a holy God?
- Why is perfect righteousness necessary to stand before God (Psalm 11:7; Romans 3:10, 19-20)?
- Are you working to achieve righteousness on your own or placing faith in Christ's imputed righteousness (Romans 3:20-24)?
- Is your life characterized by Christ's resurrection power (verse 10)? What does Paul mean by his desire to "attain the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 6:4-5, 11)?
- How do we share in Christ's sufferings (verse 10)? Explain how suffering for Christ is a divine gift (Philippians 1:29).
- Is it your life's ambition to grow in knowledge and love and service of Christ?
- How do we, like Paul, "forget" the past and "press on" toward the goal of Christlikeness (verses 12-16)?