

HERITAGE PARK

ALLIANCE CHURCH

Week 4 - Un-Clutter Your Life

Joy-FULL

Encouragement from the Book of Philippians

Philippians 3:1-14

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is a safeguard for you. (1)

I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. (8)

I want to know Christ—the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like Him in his death. (10)

One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize. (13-14)

Reflection Questions

1. How is rejoicing in the Lord a safeguard to us? (1)
2. Paul lists reasons he might be confident in his privilege and accomplishments before God. (4-6) What would have been the significance of these listed things? If you were to make a list of things that might make yourself acceptable to God, that would you include? (assuming as Paul does for the moment, that anything could make us acceptable to God)
3. Paul acts as an accountant in verses 7-8, examining his life and placing former assets in the liability column. What caused this radical reevaluation?
4. What does Paul mean by knowing Christ in resurrection, in suffering, and becoming like Him in his death? Is Paul uncertain he will be resurrected? (10-11)
5. What sport is Paul using to illustrate his following of Christ? What is the lesson for us? (13-14)

