

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. Philippians 3:7-9 (NIV)

Knowing You

There is nothing in life that compares with coming to know you. There is no place I would rather be than in your presence. There is nothing I would rather do than worship you. Above all else, I want to know and love and follow and serve you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. All the thoughts and opinions and values of this world are like garbage compared to the surpassing value of knowing you. The priority and pursuit of my life is to know you. I will follow you to where you lead me. I will go where you guide me. I will do what you ask of me. **That is very good.**

What will happen to you as you come to know me? I will be changed. I will be transformed. I will be made new. Not one of my thoughts, not one of my words, and not one of my actions will remain unchanged as I come to know you. **Why is that?** That is a very good question. You have caused me to think more deeply. I cannot come to know you and remain unchanged. As I come to know you I will become like you. I will think your thoughts. I will speak your words. I will do your deeds. **Yes, you will.**

What will others see as you come to know me? I will tell you what they won't see. **What's that?** They won't see the old me. They won't see a person who is chasing after all the world has to offer. They won't see someone who has a continual desire for comfort and pleasure and possessions. They won't see someone who is living for recognition and applause from the world. They won't see a person who is living to secure power and prestige. Instead, it is my prayer and hope and belief that they will see you being lived out in and through my life because I am and will be continuing to come to know you. You will be living in and through me. They will see you, not me. **Yes, they will as you keep on coming to know me. That will be very good.**

Lord, it is the absolute priority of my life to come to know you. It is no great sacrifice for me to let go of everything so that I can come to know you. Nothing remotely compares in value with knowing you intimately. Change my life as I love, follow and serve you. Amen

Life In Christ*Be Found In Him*

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

NIV

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ*Be Found In Him*

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

ESV

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ*Become One With Him*

I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

NLT

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ*Be Found In Him*

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

NKJV

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ*Be Found In Him*

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

NRSV

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ*Be Embraced By Him*

The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I'm tearing up and throwing out with the trash—along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn't want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ—God's righteousness.

MSG

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ *Be Found And Known As In Him*

But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as [one combined] loss for Christ's sake. Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One), And that I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed One), the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith.

AMP

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ*Become One With Him*

But all these things that I once thought very worthwhile—now I've thrown them all away so that I can put my trust and hope in Christ alone. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have put aside all else, counting it worth less than nothing, in order that I can have Christ, and become one with him, no longer counting on being saved by being good enough or by obeying God's laws, but by trusting Christ to save me; for God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith—counting on Christ alone.

TLB

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ*Be Found In Him*

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

NASB

Philippians 3:7-9

Life In Christ*Belong To Him*

Those things were important to me, but now I think they are worth nothing because of Christ. Not only those things, but I think that all things are worth nothing compared with the greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him, I have lost all those things, and now I know they are worthless trash. This allows me to have Christ and to belong to him. Now I am right with God, not because I followed the law, but because I believed in Christ. God uses my faith to make me right with him.

NCV

Philippians 3:7-9

Be Found In Him

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Life In Christ – Philippians 3:7-9

In Context: Read *Philippians 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, it is the absolute priority of my life to come to know you. It is no great sacrifice for me to let go of everything so that I can come to know you. Nothing remotely compares in value with knowing you intimately. Change my life as I love, follow and serve you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What has helped you to come to know Christ more intimately?

How valuable is it for you to come to know Christ more intimately?

How has intimately knowing Christ become the priority of your life?

What have you gotten rid of so you can know Christ more intimately?

What will hinder you from coming to know Christ more intimately?

How are you being changed as you are coming to know Christ more intimately?

Why has it been no great sacrifice for you to let go of everything so you can come to know Christ?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Leave everything behind that will hinder you from coming to intimately know Christ.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that nothing in all of life compares in value with coming to know Christ intimately.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are coming to know Christ more intimately.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you pursue knowing Christ intimately as the goal of your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will pursue knowing you as the goal of my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I come to know you more intimately today?
