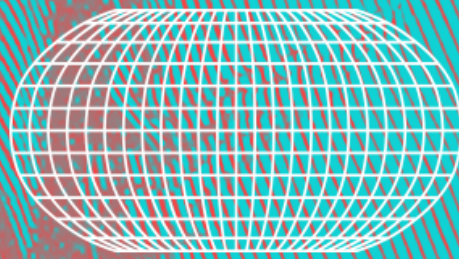


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CONNECT

Take some time to break the ice and choose one of the questions below.

- Have you ever had something you got completely obsessed with?
- What's your most precious possession? (You can't say "Jesus," but you get points for trying!)

INTRODUCTION

This week we want to appreciate the beauty and glory of Christ together, and discuss how our lives can and should be changed by that! This week's group guide is a little sparser than usual—and intentionally so. Our hope is that your discussion will be free-ranging and give your group space to explore the Bible for themselves. We've suggested some open ended questions below, but the goal throughout is to have a group-lead discussion that revolves around Jesus.

READ AND DISCUSS

READ

Philippians 3:1-11

DISCUSS

Re-read verse 8—what strikes you about what Paul is saying here? What do you think allows Paul to say this?

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Philippians 3:12-21

DISCUSS

Re-read verses 13-14. What is the "it" Paul is talking about when he says, "I press on to make it my own"? What is the goal Paul is straining toward? Why do you think that is?

PRAY

Our prayer for our church this week is that "we may know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible we may attain the resurrection from the dead." Take a moment to pray that prayer over one another and over yourselves, and listen to hear if God has anything to say in response.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?

