

### **Philippians 3:1-11**

Other than Christ, what would you be most likely to trust in for acceptance before God? Why?

Good works justify faith, but not the person. How is this a helpful distinction? What errors does it guard against?

Philippians 3:9 says “righteousness comes from God on the basis of faith.” Can you explain what it means to receive Christ's righteousness, without using the word, “righteousness”, or any other words a non-believer would likely not be familiar with.

### **Philippians 3:10-4:1**

If someone asked you, “How do I live the Christian life?” what would you say?

They gave our master a crown of thorns? Why do we hope for a crown of roses? (Martin Luther) Why is this perspective on our lives both challenging and encouraging?

At what speed are you running toward the goal of Christ-likeness? What may be slowing you down and how might you speed up?

Who have been your Christian mentors? Who are your current mentors, those you seek to emulate?

Is there someone you might serve as a mentor?

How does considering your future life in Christ's kingdom, after he returns, encourage you to live as a citizen of that kingdom today?