



## **Gospel-centered Priority The Priority of Knowing Jesus**

### **Philippians 3:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>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 <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus... <sup>20</sup>For our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

***When we are convinced of the value of knowing Jesus we will make knowing Jesus the central priority of our lives. When knowing Jesus is the central priority of our lives then we will passionately pursue knowing Him***

### **1. Knowing Jesus surpasses everything else (3:7-8)**

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### **2. Knowing Jesus leads to authentic righteousness (3:9)**

<sup>9</sup>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.

### **3. Knowing Jesus unites us with His death and resurrection life (3:10-11)**

<sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

### **4. Knowing Jesus is the goal and the prize for which God saved us (3:12-14)**

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### **5. Knowing Jesus is our birthright as citizens of heaven (3:20-21)**

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