

LOST AND FOUND

Philippians 3:9-11

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- As a kid do you ever remember a time when you were lost and couldn't be found?
- Where is the darkest place you have ever been?
 - Take some time to share "lost and found" stories. Have you ever lost something so valuable that all you can think about is finding it?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Philippians 3:9-11. In his message, Pastor Pat encouraged us to be *found* in Jesus.

How Can We Be *Found* Him?

By Renouncing Your Own Righteousness (vs 9a)

- The Apostle Paul reminds us that is has nothing to do with our own righteousness.
 - What does Isaiah 64:6 say about our own righteousness?
 - In what areas of your life would be willing to admit that you struggle with self-righteousnesses?
 - "I always want my own way with _____".
 - Pastor Pat said, "Self righteousness is not righteousness at all." Why is dangerous to respond in our own righteousness? (Romans 10:1-3).

By Receiving His Righteousness (vs 9b)

- Isaiah 61:10 talks about receiving Christ's righteousness as being clothed with a garment.
 - As a group, explain to each other how this pictures Salvation.
 - Think back on your own Salvation. Have you let this word-picture be true in your own life?
 - Are you sharing this truth with others? Is there someone on your mind that you could intentionally share the Gospel with this week?

By Knowing Him Experientially (vs 10-11)

- The Apostle Paul was hinting that being found in Jesus goes beyond just knowing about Him, but rather experiencing Him.
 - Pastor Pat used an illustration about lemons. Do you think you would have been able to identify your lemon? How does this correlate with knowing God experientially?
- What can you do practically to experience God more?

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will not just know Christ, but experience Him as you share in the power of His resurrection, fellowship in His sufferings, and become more like Him.

MEMORIZE FOR NEXT TIME

- *Philippians 3:10-11, "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead."*

