



Notes | June 30, 2024

What is our hope for you?

Typically, when we are discussing Church we are thinking of the physical building. However, Church is not a service you attend, it's a family you belong to. Church is not a building...which means you're not in church, you are the church! It really is you. Jesus in us, and the family we form around Him. Although we are the Church and Jesus is in us, many times we fall into the trap of thinking the works we do for God are what matter most. In reality, our love for God is more important than our works for Him, God loves us and wants us to know Him.

Key Scripture | **Philippians 3:8-11**

At What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, **not having a righteousness of my own** that comes from the law (or works), but that which is **through faith in Christ**—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. **I want to know Christ**—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Related Scriptures

Philippians 1:3-6, 3:5-6, 12-14, John 14:15

Icebreakers:

Q: What chores did you parents give you to do as a child?



Key Thoughts and Reflections:

I. God has “started a good work in you” and He is going to keep that good work growing in you until you meet Jesus.

Q: Who are people of faith that God has put in your life that you are grateful for?

Q: What is something that God has transformed/is transforming inside of you?

Q: What is something you hope God transforms or does inside of you that hasn’t taken place?

II. My love for God—knowing Christ Jesus my Lord—is more important than any work I could do for God

Q: What “works” do you find yourself doing for God? How did you come about them?

Q: Do you ever fall into the trap of thinking “I have to do more for God, ex: serving, giving, praying etc.”? If so, what causes these thoughts for you?

Q: Loving and knowing God is more important than the works we do, do your life and thoughts reflect this?

III. The thing God wants most...is YOU! GOD is saying I want to know YOU!

Q: God loves you and wants to spend time with you. Has that truth resonated with you intimately? If so, what was the experience like when you realized it?

Q: Do you have a regular routine of spending time with God? What does that look like for you?

Q: What stirs up your affections for God?

Get Practical

So, you’re halfway through the summer...So what if the month of July became a month of KNOWING GOD more? What if July became the month where you spent daily time with God...not to check an item off your to do list, but because God is inviting you to it. What if this was the month that your relationship with Jesus grew because you realized: My love for God is so much more important than my work for Him!

Pray this week asking God “How can I walk into your invitation into knowing You more?”