



CIBC Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this week's sermon at Cayman Islands Baptist Church. For more information on life groups and other discipleship opportunities at CIBC, please visit www.cibaptist.ky.



Get the Picture

-Title: “Joy In Knowing Christ”

-Series/Text: Joy Under Construction – Phil. 3:10-11

-Date: Sept. 20, 2020

-Speaker: Pastor Steve

-Main Idea: There is joy in growing in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Group Discussion

a) Connect

- 1) **Commit:** Before you begin, agree as a group that you will commit to having an honest discussion about this text without casting any judgment or sharing any unsolicited advice.
- 2) **Read:** Read **Psalm 139:23-24** out loud before you pray to begin the discussion.
- 3) **Pray:** Pray over the group and ask the Lord to “*Search your heart*” and reveal idols that are keeping you from receiving truth.

b) Engage

- 1) **Read:** Read Philippians chapter 3 and look for major themes that stand out. How do these themes help you understand the chapter as a whole?
- 2) **Discuss:** In what ways do people try to obtain righteousness outside of faith in Christ?
- 3) **Discuss:** What value do you place upon knowing Christ? How is this reflected in your personal Bible study time, prayer, and service?
- 4) **Discuss:** Paul states in Philippians 3:10 that he wants to participate in Christ's sufferings. What does participating in Christ's sufferings look like living in Grand Cayman?
- 5) **Discuss:** Paul was a very religious person before knowing Christ. Discuss as a group the difference between being religious and knowing Christ.
- 6) **Discuss:** Warren Weirsbe once wrote: “It is one thing to be religious enough to get into (church), and quite another to be righteous enough to get into heaven.” In what ways can believers confuse “right living” with being righteous?

c) Apply

- 1) **Consider:** What steps can you take to prioritize your day to reflect the importance of knowing Christ?
- 2) **Respond:** Work on 2-3 areas in your life this week where you need resurrection power. Begin each day by telling the Lord that you will die to yourself and live for him.

d) Pray

- 1) **Silent Prayer:** Enter into a time of silence to allow God to speak to you in response to everything you discussed today. Listen for areas where He may be telling you He wants you to step out in obedience.
- 2) **Group Prayer:** After a time of silence, close out the study with a group prayer for God's grace to have joy as you grow in the knowledge of Christ.



Going Deeper

- 1) **Joy In Knowing Christ at CIBC:** Pray and ask God for supernatural power in defeating sin, sharing the gospel and serving in church life. (Make every effort not to miss the Lord's Supper, it's a powerful reminder of the fellowship we have in His sufferings.)