

The Joy of Knowing Jesus

Philippians 3:1-11

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Joy/FULL Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

We love to say that “life is messy and Jesus is real.” We don’t love that life is messy though. It is just the truest thing we can say about life. It’s messy. But what makes it beautiful is that Jesus shows up, in the midst of it all, and leads us into God’s best for our lives. As we follow Jesus, we come to know Him more and more. This knowing of Jesus fills our lives to overflowing with joy.

REALIZE

1. Rejoice and don’t get self-righteous.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 3:1-11
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Where do I have an inflated self-image?

2. It’s time to move on from your past.

- **Scripture Reference;** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What is Jesus asking me to leave in the past?

3. Know the power of His resurrection.

- **Scripture Reference;** Romans 6:3-5
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How does Jesus’ resurrection change my life?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?

