

### **Introductory question:**

- 1) What are some of your stated or unstated goals for 2025?
- 2) Do you feel like your goals reflect what is most important to you?

### **Read Philippians 3:1-14**

- 1) Also, from this passage, what would Paul say should be our most important goal in our life?
- 2) What do you think he means to “know Christ” and how does the passage indicate it’s different from simply having more knowledge?
- 3) Read verse 10 and discuss what kind of power went into raising Jesus from the dead.
- 4) From this verse and Ephesians 1:19–20, what are some of the things in your life that are most broken that through knowing Christ would help you bring power to change?
- 5) Discuss some of the hardships and sufferings you know Paul went through from other things he wrote, and then read verse 1 of this passage as well as 4:4.  
How should knowing Christ affect how we anticipate and go through trials this year?
- 6) From verses 2-6, how did Paul at one time expect to have love and intimacy with Christ?
- 7) From verses 7-9, discuss some of the theological truths he came to learn and experience about Christ that changed his perspective on how to have intimacy with God?
- 8) Verse 12 says that “Christ Jesus has made you his own.” When you think of some of the things that are most broken or hard in your life, how does this truth make a difference in those areas?
- 9) In light of what you’ve learned and discussed, give 1-2 goals you can make for this year in order to all the more know Christ? (There for some practical ways to know Christ below)

What is your major takeaway from the passage, sermon, or this discussion?

### **Ways to know Christ this year:**

1. Be consistent in weekend worship
2. Read through a Bible reading plan
  - Download YouVersion Bible app (see QR code)
  - NT in a year: Search Plans — “5x5x5” (1 chap/day for 5 days/week)
  - OT+NT in a year: Search Plans — “The Bible Recap”
  - Watch Bible Project videos of each book as you read (in app)
3. Join a Bible study, book study, or Life Group (Sign ups next week during kickoff)
4. Read “The God You Can Know” by Dan Dehaan or “Gentle and Lowly” by Dane Ortland