I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST

Philippians 3:1-21 Key Verse: 3:10

> "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,"

- 1. What does Paul keep repeating and why (1; 2:18)? Php 2:18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. Who are the dogs about whom Paul strongly warns (2)? Who are the true circumcision and why (3)?
- 2. What are Paul's reasons for having confidence in the flesh (4-6)? Why did he not put confidence in these things (7)? To gain Christ, what did Paul willingly lose (8)? What new confidence did Paul have through faith in Christ (9)?
- 3. Read verses 10-11. What is Paul's heart's desire? What does it mean to know the power of Jesus' resurrection? The participation in his sufferings? Why does he want to become like Jesus in his death?
- 4. How does Paul describe his own spiritual struggle (12-16)? What is the direction of his life? Why is it necessary for everyone to keep growing? Why do we need examples (17)?
- 5. Who are the enemies of the cross (18)? How can we avoid becoming like them (19-20a)? What is our great goal and hope (20b-21)?