



## Which is Better, Life With or Without Jesus?

**Icebreaker:** What are your plans for July 4<sup>th</sup>?

**Read Together:** Philippians 3:1-14 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- What does the scripture for this section say that you have not noticed before?
- What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you as you listened to the message this week?
- Which is better, life with or without Jesus?
- Why did you answer the above question the way that you did?
- What do you think of the following quote?

*“Drinking beer is easy. Trashing your hotel room is easy. But being a Christian, that's a tough call. That's real rebellion. Sex, drugs and rock ‘n’ roll is easy. True Christianity ... that's rebellion.”*

*- Alice Cooper*

**Read Together:** Philippians 3:8 (ESV), Romans 3:22 (NIV), Philippians 2:12 (NIV), Ephesians 2:8 (ESV), 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV),

**Discuss:**

- What do the scriptures for this section say that you have not noticed before?
- Why is life with Jesus worth it?
- What does it mean to you to know Jesus personally?
- Do you believe that God sees you just as if you had always obeyed?
- Which of these formulas most closely resembles your actions when living out your faith?
  - Faith + **Works** = justification
  - Grace + **Merit** = justification
  - Christ + **My inherent righteousness** = justification
  - Faith alone, Grace alone, Christ alone = justification

**Read Together:** Philippians 3:10, 13 (NKJV), Matthew 16:26 (NIV)

**Discuss:** *Your purpose is greater than earthly comforts.*

- What do the scriptures for this section say that you have not noticed before?
- What Earthly comforts do you value the most?
- When our comforts get shifted, we pull back on our purpose! How have you seen that play out in your life?
- Do you care about what God cares about?

**Pray:**

- Ask God how He would like to use you to serve Him.
- Ask God to show you if there are comforts that you value more than what He values.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the desire the God wants your heart to desire.