

## FUSION Q's... Christ In You 4: The Mystery Revealed

### ***Discussion Questions***

- Q1. What stood out to you from the talk tonight?
- Q2. Have you experienced any suffering in your life (not just persecution for your faith)? Tell your group about it. Why do you think God allows suffering?
- Q3. How is it possible for Paul to be happy to suffer for Jesus?
- Q4. How does having a view of our eternity with Jesus change our view of suffering for him?
- Q5. What do you think it looks like to be "mature" in one's faith?

### ***Read Philippians 3:5-14***

- Q6. List your top 3 most important things you value in your life.
- Q7. Paul talks about everything in his life as "worthless" when compared to knowing Jesus. How does a person get this point?
- Q8. Thinking about your top 3 things you value, how can you have or do these things for Jesus rather than yourself?
- Q9. Although it's hard to grasp, we all will eventually pass away from this earth. What 3 things do you want people to say about you after you're gone?
- Q10. What sort of things need to happen in your life right now for those words to be true about you?

## **Bible Passages**

### **Philippians 3:5-14**

<sup>5</sup> I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. <sup>6</sup> I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

<sup>7</sup> I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. <sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, <sup>11</sup> so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

<sup>12</sup> I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. <sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.