

DISCUSSION GUIDE

FEBRUARY 29/MARCH 1 | TOGETHER
CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST | PHILIPPIANS 3:1-14

FOR STARTERS

1. Pray. Before diving into the Bible together as a group or individually, take a moment to pray and ask God for focus, wisdom and insight as you strive to become a more devoted follower of Christ.
2. Paul had a lot to be confident in. What are you very confident in? (This is not a trick question—it is good to know what you have confidence in.)
3. Paul had to remind the church again and again. What are some of the things that you still must be reminded of (whether you want to or not)? Are the reminders in your best interest even if you don't like hearing them?

DIGGING IN

1. Read Philippians 3:1-14 out loud in at least three different versions. What stood out to you?
2. In verses 5-6 Paul lists his "religious resume." If you had to list yours, what would it be? Sometimes our accomplishments are more in things we *don't do* as much as in the things we *have done*.
3. Specifically, looking at verses 7-11, write down or note the repeated words/phrases.
4. How does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 16:24-27 resonate with what Paul's saying in Philippians 3:7-11?

BRINGING IT HOME

1. How does having confidence in Christ affect our confidence in other areas of our life?
2. Paul warned the Philippians to watch out for the "religious resume." How does your "religious resume" sidetrack you?
3. Why does it seem hard to have a life-changing relationship with Christ like Paul describes in verse 10? If a relationship with Jesus is worth it, what gets in our way?