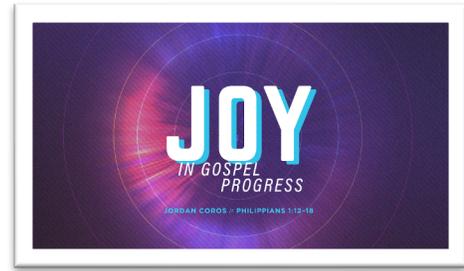


JOY, IN THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16 // JORDAN COROS
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My greatest hope is to be raised from the dead confident that Jesus has made me his (v. 12, Jeremiah 9:24a) setting my sights on him alone (v. 13-14, James 2:17) and abandoning every other way but his (v 15-16, John 6:35).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you were a child, what was a future event you looked forward to? (Some might say graduation, marriage, owning a car or house, turning 50, retirement...)
2. How can a future hope affect the way a person lives today? (For instance, a hope of retiring early may drive a person to put aside money for the future.)
3. How did Paul's hope of the resurrection affect his daily life? (v. 12) How does the hope of resurrection affect your perspective on daily priorities?
4. Where have you tended to place your confidence when you're not walking closely with Jesus? What do these alternatives lack in comparison to Jesus?

5. **James 2:17 tells us that being saved results in a change of life. (Not the other way around.) We should have our sight set on serving Christ.** How did you spend your time last week relative to your spiritual goals? What are two adjustments you can recommend to yourself to use your time more productively?

6. How do your last three months of spending reflect your practice of investing in spiritual priorities? What do you want your disposition to be as you give to Christ and serve him? (Love, obligation, boredom, enthusiasm?)

7. What do you study? When you head online to look at information, what does it pertain to? News, shopping, sports, controversy, gossip, décor, entertainment all contribute to your worldly mindset, so how are you intentionally strengthening your godly mindset each day and week?

The Bible says that our biggest problem is that every one of us is building our identity on something besides Jesus. - Timothy Keller

8. Jordan explained that most believers live out the lie that their good works earn them a spot in heaven and protect them against calamity and criticism. Following this error in thinking, we end up as judges of each other's sin, working for God so that he works for us. (Jordan referred to the Bible book, Job.) How can you guard against sinking into this *my-morality-makes-me-a-better-Christian-than-you* mentality?