

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 9-5-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Do you have any favorite science fiction stories?
What about those stories grab your interest?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text Philippians 3 - "The Gospel, The Cross and The Resurrection"

Digging Deeper:

1. Read vs 1-9 - What does it mean to put your confidence in the flesh? Are you aware that you do this? In what way?
2. Verse 8 speaks of knowing Christ Jesus. Do you? How do you know that you do?
3. What is the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ? What has been your experience in this?
4. Read vs 10, 18 - Have you known the power of the resurrection or the fellowship of His suffering? What is this power? This fellowship?
5. Read vs 11-14, 20, 21 - Have you struggled with forgetting what lies behind and looking eagerly toward what lies ahead? Why do you struggle this way? Can you speak of times of victory you have had in this struggle?
6. Verse 21 speaks of the transformation into a body like His. Share with your group the emotion and expectations you have looking forward to that.

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?