

Theme: Discipleship

Title: That I May Know Him

Text: Philippians 3

### **DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM PAUL'S TESTIMONY OF FAITH AND LIFE**

1. One of the ways to learn about discipleship – drawing inspiration
  - a. From testimonies of great servants of God
  - b. Helps us to understand what helped them to succeed in faith and life
2. A great inspiring example – the apostle Paul
  - a. One of the most eminent apostles of Christ
  - b. He shared his testimony in his epistle to the Philippians
    - i. To encourage his readers
    - ii. To inspire them to follow in his footsteps

### **PAUL'S TESTIMONY OF FAITH – TO KNOW CHRIST**

*"That I may know Him...."*      *Philippians 3:10*

3. Knowing Christ
  - a. Paul's purpose in life
  - b. Paul's pursuit in life
4. What knowing Christ meant to Paul
  - a. Not just basic knowledge of Christ
  - b. But a deep, growing, profound knowledge of Christ
    - i. His knowledge of Christ was already outstanding
    - ii. But he recognised there was still so much more to discover about Christ

### **HOW PAUL CAME TO KNOW CHRIST**

1. Began with no faith
  - a. Thought he was very righteous (c.f. Philippians 3:6)

- b. Persecuted the believers of Christ (c.f. Acts 8:1-3)
- 2. Discovered faith in Christ
  - a. Christ spoke to him on his way to Damascus (c.f. Acts 9:3-6)
  - b. Blinded him for 3 days (c.f. Acts 9:8)
  - c. Though this experience, Paul came to believe in Christ
- 3. Developed his faith and knowledge of Christ
  - a. Did not stay with a basic knowledge of Christ
  - b. Determined to do all that he can to know Christ deeper
- 4. Became distinguished in his faith and knowledge of Christ
  - a. Experienced the tremendous power of Christ (Philippians 3:10)
  - b. Willing to identify with Christ in His sufferings (Philippians 3:10)
  - c. Willing to be conformed to His death (Philippians 3:10)

#### **CHALLENGE FOR US ALL**

- 5. Check ourselves
  - a. What is our purpose in life?
  - b. What are we pursuing in life?
- 6. Can we make knowing Christ our purpose and pursuit in life?
  - a. To discover this faith in Christ
  - b. To develop our faith
  - c. To be distinguished in our faith