

Growth Teams

Week Beginning
Sunday 16th October 2016

Going deeper

In his letters Paul often warns against those who said that you need to be 'circumcised' to be properly saved. He saw such claims as a denial of the gospel, a dependence on human ritual rather than the grace of God. In Philippians 3 he puts the case very personally and forcefully.

Read Philippians 3:1-21

6. What does Paul mean by 'confidence in the flesh'?
7. What is Paul's new attitude to the reasons he had to be 'confident in the flesh'?
8. What is so much better about knowing Christ?
9. How does Paul express his commitment to serve Christ?
10. What is the 'choice' that Paul sets before the Philippians in verses 17-21? In what ways is this similar to the choice that Joshua offers Israel?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Gotta Serve Somebody

Joshua 24:1-28 (page 240)

Space to take notes on the talk

Starter question

- ❖ What are the biggest choices you have faced in life?

Responding to the talk

1. If you had to sum up this week's talk in one sentence what would it be?
2. Read Joshua 24:1-13
 - a. Joshua lists 7 problems faced by Israel in this brief history. Can you spot all 7?
 - b. What are the 7 things God did for Israel in response?
 - c. What is Joshua trying to achieve by telling Israel's history in this way?
3. Read Joshua 24:14-15
 - a. What are the three options that Joshua presents to Israel?
 - b. Why is Joshua offering a choice?
 - c. How does he want Israel to serve the LORD?
4. Read Joshua 24:16-28
 - a. What reasons do the people give for wanting to serve God?
 - b. Why does Joshua say they won't serve the LORD?
 - c. What was the purpose of the covenant they made?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. What are the other 'gods' that people serve today? What might people need to 'throw away' in order to faithfully serve God?
11. How can we follow Joshua's example in challenging people to a wholehearted commitment to serving God?