

2010 Easter Message

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on April 4, 2010

That 1 Thing – Philippians 3:1-11

Big Idea: Change your ambition to the only thing that can truly satisfy: knowing Christ and the power of His resurrection.

Leading the Session Helps/Discussion Questions

- Make announcements and have a prayer time. (before Choir Members arrive)

ICE BREAKERS

- How pure is the coffee you are drinking? (Recall that Larry said the FDA guideline is less than 10% insect infected.) Are you surprised by the FDA standard?
- What are your standards for purity when it comes to what you eat and drink?
- Evaluate your life for a moment on the purity of your spirituality?
- How pure is our society? How should a Christian's purity compare to the society we live in? How should it affect the society we live in?
- What messages did the musical part of worship convey to you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Put these questions before the group and get their reactions.
 - Looking for the 1 thing?
 - Got the 1 thing?
 - Focused on the 1 thing?
- What is the next step past knowing about Christ?
- How does a Christian do that? What is the result of that pursuit?
- What is true balance for the Christian?
- What does verse 10 mean when Paul says he wants to know Christ and ... the fellowship of His sufferings?
- When can a person know they are making progress toward spiritual maturity?
- Larry's five questions:
 - What do you value the most?
 - What preoccupies your time?
 - What is driving you?
 - Where does your security lie?
 - Where do you seek approval?

Application

- Take a real step this week in your quiet time to begin to know Christ instead of focusing on knowing about Him.