



## Life Group Discussion Guide

### December 3– An Unexpected Safeguard – Phil. 3:1-11

#### Icebreaker:

What's the best white elephant gift you ever received or saw someone else receive?

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Ask someone to read **Philippians 3:1-11** aloud.
2. **Defining Rejoicing:** Randy defined rejoicing in the Lord as "delighting in who God is and celebrating our relationship with Him."
  - a) What does rejoicing look like in your life?
3. **Joy is a Gift from the Lord:** Randy distinguished between happiness and joy, stating that joy is a response or reaction to a view of the glory of God.
  - a) What are some people, places, things, or experiences you've had that cause you to rejoice?
  - b) Have you ever tried to desperately squeeze joy out of lifeless things? What was the result? What prompted you to realize the futility of what you were doing?
  - c) How have you been guilty of using either common pushback for not rejoicing ("Mr. Analytic"- it's not my personality or "That's easy for you, you don't know my situation!") What have you done to recognize this and unlearn this behavior so that joy can be a marker in your life?
4. **Rejoicing is a Safeguard:** You can turn your face to the Lord, rejoice in Him, and be protected from threats.
  - a) Have you seen others place confidence in their own flesh, achievements, or abilities. How has their "earn it" mentality caused them to struggle?
  - b) Can you share an experience where you found the pursuit of external success distracting from your spiritual growth?

- c) Anything God loves becomes valuable. When Christ came to you, what "Post-It Notes" did He remove from you? Was it a hard transition to believe and rejoice in what God says about you?
5. **The Surpassing Worth of Jesus:** Everything apart from knowing Christ is considered rubbish.
- a) How does your pursuit of Christ compare to other pursuits in the world?
  - b) How can we shift our perspective to value our relationship with Christ above all else in our daily lives?
6. **Alternative Discussion Questions:** *(If desired, utilize any of the following questions in place of, or in addition to, the questions provided above.)*
- a) How can we develop a passion and focus on Christ in our lives, like Paul?
  - b) What does it mean to you to have a righteousness that comes from God rather than one based on our own efforts?
  - c) How can we grow through times of suffering, and how does this connect us more deeply with Christ?
  - d) How can we emulate Christ's self-sacrifice and humility in our own lives?
  - e) How does the hope of resurrection impact the way we live our lives today and make decisions in light of eternity?
  - f) What do you need to "relegate" in your life in order to make Jesus preeminent?

### **What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:**

*More details on these events can be found at [lcc.org/whats-happening/](http://lcc.org/whats-happening/)*

### **All Campus**

- **Blessing Tree:** beginning November 19
- **Night of Prayer:** December 4, 6:30 PM at your local campus.
- **Christmas Eve Service Times:**
  - **Thursday, December 21 – 6:30pm**
  - **Sunday, December 24 – 9:00am**
  - **Sunday, December 24 – 1:00pm Hispanic Ministry Service**
  - **Sunday, December 24 – 5:00pm**
  - **Sunday, December 24 – 11:00pm ONLINE ONLY**
- **Rooted in Joy:** January 26, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Annual Women's Event.
- **Thursday Morning Prayer Zoom:** 6:30-6:45 AM. Weekly prayer for Legacy during her transition. Led by prayer team members. [HERE'S THE LINK.](#)