

WEEK 5 // BEGINNING SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY

PRIORITISING THE PRIZE PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

As Christians, the greatest prize is Christ himself. So, we ought to make pursuing the prize our highest priority. However, many things seek to distract us from doing just that. Sometimes it is things in our past, or external pressures, or internal insecurities. Paul was determined to get rid of anything that stood in the way of him prioritising Christ.

Two great illustrations of Paul's teaching are the parables of treasure in Matthew 13 – the treasure in the field (v44) and the pearl of great price (v45-46). These parables highlight the immeasurable value of the kingdom of God and priority of putting the kingdom first.

Questions for your group to discuss:

What are the things that can easily get you side-tracked?

What are some of the things you had to leave behind to follow Jesus? Why did you see Jesus as more valuable than them?

Can those things still be a pull at times if you are honest?

What helps you to keep moving forward?

Now take the time to pray together about being free from things that distract or hold you back from fully pursuing Christ.



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