

## Discussion Guide for Philippians 3:1-9

### 1. Read Philippians 3:1-9 and briefly review the sermon outline

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

**2. Truth:** Acceptance by God comes only by accepting the free gift of forgiveness and righteousness by faith in Jesus.

### Read Romans 3:9-18

What are some virtues that non-Christians hope will make them acceptable to God?

How do these verses contrast the secular view of human goodness against God's view of human goodness?

### Read Romans 3:19-20

What are some rules that religious people hope will make them acceptable to God?

What is the bad news in these verses?

### Read Romans 3:21-27

How did God manage to both forgive sinners & punish sin?

What is our part in the transaction?

How might a Christian still slip back into the trap of 3:27?

### Read Romans 4:1-8

Is this offer for sinners to be saved by faith a new idea?

### Read Romans 5:1-5

What are the blessings received by those who take the deal?