



**December 4, 2022**

## **Gospel Fueled Joy**

### **Philippians 3:1-11**

**Summary – Happiness is a treasure that people will try to steal. Philippians 3 warns us to look out for three types of thieves. Even better, Philippians 3 arms us with truth and Paul’s testimony to create in us a bulletproof faith that allows us to rejoice in the Lord.**

**Scripture – Philippians 3:1-11; 2 Peter 1:3, 2:3; Proverbs 7:14; 1 Corinthians 15:32, 6:12; Acts 15; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

**Community Group Questions:  
(There is no obligation to discuss every question)**

### **Introduction**

- 1. Why is happiness something that people will try to steal from you?**
- 2. How could Paul write such a happy book while in Rome awaiting his death?**

### **Teaching Style (3:1)**

- 1. Why do we often devalue the use of repetition in teaching?**

### **Traps For Happiness (3:2)**

- 1. “They want to make merchandise of me” Discuss**
- 2. Mutilators are “smiling faces with shriveled souls.” Discuss**

### **Truth (3:3-6)**

- 1. “Truth always leads to praise and worship.” Discuss**
- 2. What does it mean to put confidence in the flesh?**

### **Conclusion (3:7-11)**

- 1. Why would we tend to want to be like Jesus in his amazing/beautiful ways and not be like Him in His sufferings?**
- 2. “Life is short and eternity is long.” How should this truth change the way you live?**