

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, December 13, 2020



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In this week's passage, Paul contrasts his former confidence in religion with his faith in Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What does Paul mean by "confidence in the flesh" (verse 3)?
- What four ancestral characteristics does Paul list that would have been impressive to the Judaizers (verse 4)? Are you trusting in any rituals, traditions, or affiliations for God's acceptance?
- What three examples of human achievement did Paul formerly identify as his source of confidence (verse 5)? Are you trusting in your intellect, moral accomplishments, or worldly success rather than Christ for God's acceptance? Do you look down on others who don't live according to your personal standards of goodness or success?
- What changed Paul's life (Acts 9:1-22; Philippians 3:4-11)? What does it mean Paul counted his former life as *loss* (verse 7)? Do you consider relationship with Jesus more valuable than the achievements of this world (Matthew 13:44-46)?