

EMPTY & FILLED

Week 5

BRBC Groups

March 29, 2020

Scripture

Philippians 3:1-4:1

Ice Breaker

1. What something that you have accomplished that you are proud of?

Going Deeper

1. Read Philippians 3:1-11.
2. The term 'dogs' used in the ancient near east was a very derogatory term. Why do you think Paul would use such a strong word in verse 2? What is Paul's concern about "those dogs"?
3. What do you think would be a contemporary equivalent to what Paul is speaking about in verses 2-4a?
4. What does confidence in the flesh look like?
5. What is the danger in us putting our confidence in our flesh?
6. On Sunday we explored that the word used for rubbish in verse 8 is likely a much more vulgar word than many of our English translations use. Why do you think Paul might use such a strong word in contrasting his accomplishments with Christ?
7. Why is it sometimes hard to not rely on our past accomplishments or experiences to define us?
8. Paul says in verse 10 that he wants to keep knowing Christ and becoming like him. If you had to measure it, where would this desire fall on your priority list?
9. Read verses 3:12-4:1.
10. Using the imagery of the track race, where does Paul see himself in his spiritual life? Where do you see yourself in your spiritual life?
11. What is the prize Paul is looking to attain? What insights do you get from 4:1?
12. What is something God is showing you right now about your relationship to Jesus?