

**ReJOYce in the Lord**  
Life Group Questions – November 6, 2011  
**Pastor Jeff – (Philippians 3:1-11)**



## **Connect**

1. Name one of your most treasured earthly possessions you'd hate to ever lose and tell why you count it so dear.

## **Study**

1. Do you agree with Jeff that as Americans, we've become so obsessed with winning, that the fear of losing is one of our greatest fears? What is it about losing that we fear so much?
2. Read Philippians 3:1-11. Paul opens with a 4-word phrase: "Rejoice in the LORD." What definition did Jeff give for "rejoice?" Where do people try to find joy today? Do you think many people associate joy with losing? Why not?
3. In Philippians 3:3, Paul says, "For it is we (Christ-followers)...who glory in Christ Jesus and who put no confidence in the flesh. What does Paul mean by "the flesh?"
4. In Philippians 3:4-6, Paul lists 7 credentials (4 advantages & 3 achievements)—what are they? What advantages & achievements are we taught to highly esteem & value today?
5. In Philippians 3:7-11, Paul now turns from talking about what once was important in his life to what now is important in his life. What's most important to Paul now? What does he write & say he did with what used to be most important to him? Do you think this was a struggle?
6. Read Matthew 13:44-46. Jesus tells 2 very brief parables about what it means to live in His Kingdom. What made "losing" everything to gain the hidden treasure & pearl, worth it?
7. If you're a Christian, was there anything or anyone you were afraid of losing if you trusted in Christ? What do you find you still need to sometimes re-surrender or "lose" to follow Christ? If you're an explorer, how do you relate to Paul's struggle at this point in your spiritual journey?
8. Meeting Christ taught Paul how to "count" differently? In what ways do you look at things differently now than you did before you trusted Christ--how has Christ changed your mind?
9. If someone had asked Paul, "What have you gained by knowing Christ?" What would he have told them? If someone asked you the same question, how would you answer?
10. What might we need to "lose" as a church if we're going to follow Jesus in the next 5 years? Is it worth it? Why?

## **Pray**

Take time to pray with and for each other. Share any prayer requests you might have together.