



OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon)

READ Philippians 3:1-11

- Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.
- Reflect on the sermon from the weekend regarding this passage. What aspects or truths from the sermon left an impression on you and why?

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the scripture)

- 1. Reflect back on the weekend. What was a “take-away” for you? Share with your group what had impact on you and why.
- 2. In Verses 2 & 3 Paul talks about the difference between the “circumcision of the flesh” (an external work done by the hands of man) and “circumcision of the heart” (an internal work done by the Spirit of God). It seems like it may be easier to fall into trusting our works and our accomplishments more than the works of God. Do you feel this way sometimes? Why is it easy to find ourselves in this place?
- 3. How is a **relationship with God** established? Who and what is it based off?

What is the **religion of god**? Who and what is it based off?
- 4. In verse 8, The word that is written in the ESV (version of the Bible) is “rubbish”, the King James version of the Bible uses the word “dung”, which is closer to the word Paul used. Read verses 7 & 8. Why does Paul use such strong language? Why do you think he is so serious about the way we view our human accomplishments?
- 5. How does this conversation and this message allow you to experience and walk in freedom? Maybe even feel less stressed? Less anxious? Why?