



Small Group Discussion Guide

January 22, 2017

Sermon Title:

"Share Jesus . . . in Relationship"

Sermon Text: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 24:1-6*

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: Share about the first friendship you can recall making? What made it so special? Is that relationship still intact?

Discussion:

1. At the heart of "Evangelical" Christianity is the belief that everyone must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Is this a phrase you understand? Can you remember when you first heard it? Who shared it with you?
2. Do you think that phrase is generally understood by everyone, or does it need some level of explanation?
3. Do you see a correlation between that phrase and our mission statement: "To Share Jesus-in Worship-**IN RELATIONSHIP**- in Service" ?
4. As we think about becoming acquainted with someone, consider these steps we may follow in developing a relationship. We must earn our right to "share Jesus" with them.
 - 1) We know "of" them.
 - 2) We know "about" them.
 - 3) We know them as a friend.
 - 4) We know them intimately.
5. When thinking of being in a relationship with Jesus, the same pattern holds true. Think about how you came to know Jesus through the same process:
 - 1) You know "of" Him. Who first told you? a parent, a pastor, S.S. teacher?
 - 2) You know "about" Him. Who has taught you the most about Jesus?
 - 3) You know Him as a Friend. Do you see Jesus as your friend? **(Ref. John 15:15)**
 - 4) You know Him intimately. Is
6. Jesus tried to simplify what it means to be in relationship with Him. **(Ref. John 14:1)** What do you think He was trying to communicate?
7. Paul's desire to know Jesus became all-consuming. How did he compare it? **(Vs. 8)** Can you say this describes your desire to know Jesus?
8. Consider these lyrics to our closing song: "In the Secret." Do they speak for you?

Vs.1- In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You, 'cause I want to know You more.

Cho: I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice. I want to know You more.
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face. I want to know You more.

Closing: *Close by praying for each other. Go and **SHARE JESUS!***