I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST

Philippians 3:1-14 (Key Verse: 3:10)

*“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, …”*

1. What theme does Paul repeat and why is it a safeguard (1; 2:18; 4:4)? Who did Paul give warnings against (2)? How is true circumcision different from self-confidence (3)?
2. For what reasons could Paul have been confident in the flesh (4-6)? Why were these things a basis for his confidence?
3. How had Paul’s value system drastically changed (7-8)? What does “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ” mean (Jn 17:3; 2Pe 1:3)? What blessing does Christ give, and how is it obtained (9)?
4. What was Paul’s master passion (10-11)? What does “to know Christ” mean? “To know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings” (Ro 6:5; 2Co 1:5)?
5. How did Paul view his progress (12-13)? What was the “one thing” Paul did (13b-14)? What do you think you should forget? What does it mean to “strain toward”? What is the prize? What is your life goal and passion?