



God Is Boring
Why Does God Sometimes Still Feel Boring?
Philippians 3:7–15

“God is boring,” or so we think. Somewhere along our faith journey, our desire for God can grow cold. We still love him, want to follow him, but our hunger and passion for him feels lost. We don’t want God to be boring, but he sure feels boring? As we begin a new year, many of us might feel exactly like that. We don’t want to admit it, but right now God is boring. So, what do we do? We must discover that God is not boring. Then we must learn to rekindle our desire and hunger for God.

God can sometimes still feel boring because we live for the past, waste the present, and forget the future.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

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7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— **10** that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. **13** Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **15** Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

- We've covered similar concepts each week of "God Is Boring." As you reflect on this series, what has been 1-2 takeaways that you are considering?
- How long have you been a Christian? Describe how your relationship with God has changed over time.
- Pastor Dustin warned us to not live for the past. In Philippians 3:4-8 what was Paul's past, and how did he describe his past?
- Why do you think we sometimes struggle to forget the past, whether it be good or bad?
- The other danger Paul alludes to is wasting our present. Since being found by Christ, how was Paul using his present? Read Philippians 3:8-11.
- How do you feel about the way you are currently using your present? Are you wasting it or investing it?
- Paul says he wants to "know him and the power of his resurrection" and "share his sufferings." What does this look like for us in our everyday lives?
- Read Philippians 3:12-15. How does Paul describe his future? If you are a Christian, what does your future look like?
- As you stand currently in the present, how does this future make you feel?

- What do you need to do now, especially when God feels boring, to remember your future?
- Close your time together praying for each other, that your desire for the Lord would be strengthened.