



Part 2: Opposite Day

Big Idea

Knowing Jesus is worth everything.

Key Scriptures

Philippians 3:1-14

Discussion Questions

- What's something that gave you a solid confidence boost recently, no matter how small or a little ridiculous?
- Think back to high school. What made you feel confident then, and how different (or not) is that from what makes you feel confident today?
- The message highlighted three things we tend to build our identity on: what we have (possession), what we do (performance), and what others think of us (popularity). If you're honest, which of those three pulls at you the most right now?
- Why do you think those three foundations feel so natural to lean on, even though they can be so fragile?
- What stood out to you most from the message this week?

Read Philippians 3:4-9

- Paul lays out his resume (heritage, status, religious achievement) and then calls it all garbage compared to knowing Jesus. What do you think he actually experienced in Jesus that made everything else pale by comparison?
- Paul says his confidence is no longer based on his own performance, but on what Jesus has gained and maintained. What would change, day to day, if your confidence was grounded in that instead of your own track record?

Read Philippians 3:18-21

- Paul writes about people whose confidence is in earthly things, and he writes about it in tears. What do you think he sees in them that breaks his heart?
- He describes followers of Jesus as having their citizenship in heaven. What difference does that make to how you hold the things you have, the things you do, and the approval you carry right now?
- “What if you lost it all? Who would you be?’ Take a moment to sit with that honestly. What does your answer tell you about where your confidence actually sits?
- Have you ever achieved something you really wanted, only to find it didn't fill the space you thought it would?
- The message described how our joy tends to rise and fall with gaining, maintaining, and losing those three foundations. Where do you notice that pattern most in your own life right now?
- The message closed with three reorienting questions: How can I leverage my possessions for others? How can I perform in a way that serves those around me? How can I use my influence to make God's name known? Which feels most relevant, or most challenging, for you right now?

Challenge Question (For Takeaway):

This week, identify one thing you have, one thing you do, or one source of approval you hold onto, and ask honestly: 'Is this carrying my identity in a way it shouldn't?' Then work through three steps:

Name it: be specific. Say it out loud or write it down.

Pray it: bring it to Jesus honestly, even if you're still working out what that means.

Loosen it: take one small, concrete step to hold it a little less tightly this week.