



LifeConnect Group Discussion Questions For "Olympic Sacrifice" – Philippians 3.1-11 February 21, 2010

To start...

- What skill do you have that you could brag about?
- What parts of Sunday worship really encourage you in your walk with God?
- What of those are preferences, and what are absolutes?
- Can you remember what our mission is as a church?

Going deeper...

- Re-read Philippians 3.1-11:
 - How could Paul tell people to rejoice in the Lord (v. 1) when he was in prison?
 - Why would Paul use the image of "dogs" to refer to the Judaizers (Christ-followers who believed you needed to become Jewish before becoming Christian)? Why is he so concerned about their influence? If the problem had gone unchallenged, how would this have hurt the gospel?
 - Why did Paul's background as a Pharisee give him "confidence in the flesh" (v. 4)?
 - Paul lived a 'good' life before he became a follower of Jesus. Was he trying to put down his religious background?
 - What did Paul sacrifice when he became a follower of Jesus?
 - What does verse 10 imply about Christians suffering?

- When have you felt like you were pushing or pulling the tractor we saw in the allegorical video?

Taking it to the next step...

- How would you compare your upbringing to Paul's?
- How would you compare your passion for Christ to Paul's?
- Do you need to walk away from something in your past keeping you from becoming new in Christ?
- What would you be willing to give up about any part of your life if it meant someone you know (or even someone you don't know) would pass from death to life in a relationship with Christ?
- What are some ways you can serve in community as part of a LifeConnect Group? How will you serve in community this season?
- Covenant with your fellow group members by telling them the name of at least one young member of your family with whom you promise to share the good news of Jesus in the next week.