





**SERIES: Jesus is Risen – Now What?**

<p><b>Week 2: We Share in the Prize (Philippians 3:7-21)</b></p>	
 <p>5 – 10 min</p>	<p><b>Icebreaker suggestion:</b></p> <p>What is the best, most interesting, fun or meaningful prize you have ever won? Or, if you can't remember ever winning a prize, what would you like to win and why?</p>
<p><b>WORSHIP</b></p> <p>10 – 15 min</p>	<p><b>Song Suggestions</b> <i>(Feel free to choose other songs or do something totally different)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Wonderful Cross (Chris Tomlin) <a href="https://youtu.be/oaO3XOI8P6w">youtu.be/oaO3XOI8P6w</a></li> <li>• This is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham) <a href="https://youtu.be/cgsbaBlaoVc">youtu.be/cgsbaBlaoVc</a></li> <li>• Alive (Hillsong Young and Free) <a href="https://youtu.be/qEvEVALLjNQ">youtu.be/qEvEVALLjNQ</a> You might need to get up and dance to this one!</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternative idea:</b></p> <p>Complete this worship sentence: “Because Jesus is Risen....”                  After each person shares, everyone else enthusiastically responds “God is so great!” (or for the energetic, maybe jump up from your chairs, arms in the air, saying “Hallelujah”)</p>
 <p>25 min</p> 	<p><b>Bible + Discussion/Application:</b></p> <p>Read aloud Philippians 3:7-21 in a ‘standard’ translation (eg. NIV, NLT, ESV).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is “the goal”? How do you feel about that?</li> <li>• Look again at verses 13 and 14.                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What do you think some of the things were that Paul (the author) had to put behind him?</li> <li>○ What are some things you need to put behind you in order to “press on towards the goal to win the prize”?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Stop and pray for one another now regarding these things, or make a note of the things mentioned and pray for one another before you leave.</p> <p>Read the passage again (out loud or silently for yourselves), this time in The Message Version (attached).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What stands out for you in a fresh way as you read this version of the passage? (Maybe it adds to something you noticed in the original reading?)</li> <li>• What does God want you to do in response to what you have read and discussed?</li> </ul>
 <p>10 min</p>	<p><b>Corporate Prayer &amp; Looking Out:</b></p> <p>Is there anyone struggling with staying on track with Jesus while trying to reach out to others who are “taking other paths, choosing other goals, and trying to get you to go along with them” (v17, MSG)?</p> <p>Discuss the specific challenges and helpful, God honouring responses.                  Pray specifically (lay hands, invite Holy Spirit ministry) for those who would like to be strengthened and empowered in their walk and witness.</p>