

# 04 PHILIPPIANS 3:8-21

## TRULY RIGHTEOUS

### as you go

These are simple questions to ask your students as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

- .01** What is righteousness? How do we grow in righteousness? What are some things that do not help us grow in righteousness?
- .02** Who are some people in your life who are worth imitating? What makes them a good example to follow?

### family DEVOTION

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

### summary: PHILIPPIANS 3:8-21

Paul had done all the “right” things according to his former way of life as a Pharisee, but now he saw all those things as worthless when it came to his relationship with God. In Philippians 3:3, Paul described Christians as those who “do not put confidence in the flesh.” In other words, a right relationship with God can’t be earned through effort or investment of time. For Jesus followers, the deep investment of time comes after trusting in Him. Knowing Jesus means trusting and growing in His righteousness.

### discussion QUESTIONS

- .01** Why did Paul consider everything from his former life worthless? What did he gain instead?
- .02** What does it mean for our citizenship to be in heaven? How should we live in light of this truth?

**PRAY:** Thank God that He does not require us to put effort into earning His love, and that He loves us unconditionally. Commit to following Jesus and ask God to point out the godly examples in your life who you should imitate and learn from.

### CENTRAL truth

Knowing Jesus means trusting and growing in His righteousness.

### LEADER challenge

Challenge your child to use the Daily Devotions provided in their **Daily Discipleship Guide** to study God’s Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week’s devotions.

**DAY 1** PHILIPPIANS 3:4-9

**DAY 2** PHILIPPIANS 3:10-14

**DAY 3** PHILIPPIANS 3:15-21

**DAY 4** 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

**DAY 5** ISAIAH 26:7-9