

Questions for Sermon Discussion  
“Adding to the Gospel vs Confidence in Christ”  
Philippians 3:1-3  
April 12, 2026  
For the Small Group Ministry of Faith Pres Tacoma

1. What real life experiences did the sermon or Bible text remind you of?
2. In the Bible passage, Paul is warning people he cares about, about a way that they might go astray in their lives. Is there a significant time in your life when you had to do that for someone you cared about? If so, can you share (without disclosing anything personal or private about the other person) how you felt about doing that, and how it went?
3. As you look at your own heart and life, do you see things that Christ has not required, but that you are often tempted to make into a proof of your status in him? If so, what's something you're tempted to do that with?
4. The sermon claimed that Paul was saying that when we try to take something Jesus has not required, and make it a proof of our status in him, it often has the opposite effect, and can even alienating us from the Lord. Have you ever seen this dynamic in your own life? Have you seen it play out in the lives of others?
5. The sermon claimed that Paul's "first antidote" to this temptation is to rejoice in the Lord, to glory in Christ Jesus, and to put our full confidence in him. What are ways you may need to do that, that you're not really doing now? What concrete steps might help you take those steps? How might others in this group encourage you in that?

6. After Pastor Steven's extended illustration, are you concerned that he may destroy his marriage with his Yankee fandom? If so, how might you check on Rachel to see if she's really okay?
  
7. Are there any other ways that this sermon brought something new, fresh, or helpful for you, out of the Bible passage it was based on?
  
8. How does this sermon or Bible passage impact how you think of Jesus's attitude towards you, and what Jesus most wants from you?
  
9. How should this sermon or Bible passage impact how we relate to one another in the Church?
  
10. Was there anything in the sermon that you disagreed with or had questions about?
  
11. How did this sermon or Bible passage challenge you to grow as a disciple of Christ?
  
12. How can this group pray for, encourage, or help you to grow in this way (see #11)?