

1. **IDENTIFY** and then pursue what matters most.

(Philippians 3:10)

- **Knowing Christ means ...** *experiencing intimate personal knowledge about Who He is, what He's like and how He works.*
- **Knowing the power of His resurrection means ...** *experiencing personal ongoing life change.*
- **Knowing the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings means ...** *experiencing the struggle of resisting sin's desire to control.*

Is "knowing Jesus better" your highest pursuit in 2018?

2. **Begin to value every other personal _____, natural _____, or accomplishment, as it compares to knowing Jesus.**

(Philippians 3:7-8, cf. Jeremiah 9:23-24)

Loss & rubbish – two words that best describe the value of everything in your life, both now and in the future, when compared to knowing Jesus better (compare with Luke 14:26 & 1 John 2:15-17)

Is there someone or something in your life that holds a higher value or priority than knowing Jesus better?

3. **Don't _____ or get discouraged by your progress; knowing Jesus takes a lifetime.**

(Philippians 3:12-13a, cf. Hebrews 12:2 & 1 John 3:2)

Have you been discouraged by your spiritual progress? If so don't let it to keep you from making Jesus, your highest pursuit in 2010.

4. **_____ the door on your past; the good, the bad, the ugly.**

(Philippians 3:13b-14, cf. 1 John 1:9)

Forgetting – deciding to no longer let the past control you're present

Have you been allowing your past to control your present?

Ask God to help you "forget" the past so that you can make progress towards what matters most.

BE PROACTIVE TO KNOW JESUS BETTER:

1. Read, reflect, and pray through Philippians 3:1-14 daily.
2. Answer this question: *Is knowing Jesus the most important pursuit in my life?*
3. Based on your answer; affirm, recommit, or adjust your life or your thinking, so that you make knowing Jesus your highest pursuit in 2018.