

KEEPING IT **11** IN A SPLIT-APART TOGETHER WORLD

PHILIPPIANS: A LETTER FOR OUR TIMES

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Read Philippians 3:10-16

Paul talks about the fellowship of Christ's suffering. In Philippians 1:29, he writes as if suffering is a privilege. How might that be so? (Compare also to Romans 8:17)

What does it mean to "know" Christ? Is it possible to cultivate that knowing, or does it only come with time and experience?

In verse 13, Paul talks about forgetting what is behind. Do you find it a challenge to let go of the past? What's hardest for you to release? How do we acknowledge the impact of the past while at the same time putting it behind us?

Paul mentions taking hold of that for which Christ took hold of him (verse 12). List as many things as you can that you know are why Christ has taken hold of you. What would it look like to "press on" to take hold of those things?

Paul wanted to know Christ. What do you want in your faith? Take some time talking to God about one area in which you would like to know him better and one thing you'd like to leave behind.