



## Welcome + Opening Prayer

### THEMATIC OVERVIEW

*Confidence: not in the resumé we build for ourselves, but the resumé we have already been given in Christ's righteousness.*

*\*with yourself:  
What are your own standards that when not met, you tend to deny yourself the possibility of grace for yourself?*

### Philippians 3:3-9

*See passage printed on the back of this page.*

### Explore + Apply

1. Why do you think Paul holds up his “resumé” so to speak in vv. 4-7?
2. Assuming you can use the word “resumé” as a verb— what is a situation you have recently tried to “resumé” yourself into? Other ways of asking this: What is an area of your life you where you are trying to *get credit* or *have your value proven*? What gets you *in* (like a resumé is meant to help get you *in the door*) at work? at home? in your family? with yourself\*?
3. What would it take for you to have joy in, to celebrate, and to make much of Jesus instead of touting your own resumé? What specific relationship or area of your life might look different if the “in” you most needed— to be OK, confident, sure— was already provided for you by Jesus?

### Pray

- ▶ Spend time praising God that He has given us a perfect resumé in Jesus Christ and the rat race of proving ourselves can end.
- ▶ Pray and listen: What are the areas of your life you are most tempted to prove yourself or have your value proven? How might God's grace free you from the work of proving yourself to instead, extend God's grace?
- ▶ Imagine West Seattle, greater Seattle, our country, and the world freed from the “resumé mindset” by the love of Jesus Christ. Pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

### PRAYER GUIDELINES

*In prayer, we ask God to transform us and the world with His grace.*

### GROUP SCHEDULE - FALL

*Next Meeting: week of Oct 27*

*Nov 17— Living Here: a conversation about enjoying and extending God's grace in the neighborhoods we call home | imagining the next 10 years of All Souls  
rsvp@allsoulsseattle.org*

*Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.*

### Philippians 3:3-9

<sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—