

## **4U – POWER**

### **ICEBREAKER**

*Tell about your best or worst experience with a dog?*

### **Read Philippians 3:1-11**

#### **DISCOVERING**

1. What reasons did Paul have for rejoicing at this time in his life?
2. What do dogs, evil workers, and false circumcision (or mutilators) (v2) have in common?
3. Who is someone living in our time, that we would say is similar to Paul, as he describes himself in v5-6?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

4. What does true circumcision represent?
5. Paul says that the true circumcision are those who worship in Spirit and who put no confidence in the flesh (or human effort). What does it truly mean to have no confidence in human effort?
6. Does 'knowing Jesus' involve more than knowing about Him? What does it mean to 'know Christ Jesus'? Paul describes this as being of infinite value and that everything else is completely worthless.
7. It seems that for Paul, becoming righteous might happen before He goes to Heaven. How does Paul become righteous? And what does that look like?

#### **APPLICATION/RELEVANCE**

8. *What matters the most for you? Is what matters the most reflected by the amount of time you set aside for it?*
9. What effect has becoming good enough had on your life? How much are you committed to not going back to that kind of thinking?
10. Share with the group the single most valuable way in which you have come to 'know Jesus' and become one with Him. *(The purpose of this is to help others in the group find better ways of knowing Christ – not to demonstrate how holy we might be!)*