



### **Part 1 – Beware! Beware! Beware!**

Read Philippians 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15

- 1) Of what does Paul warn the Philippians to beware?
- 2) According to Paul in 2 Corinthians 11 why might false teachers be difficult to identify?
- 3) Why should Christians heed this warning today and how can they?

### **Part 2—True Circumcision**

Read Philippians 3:3; Deuteronomy 30:5-6; Romans 2:28-29

- 1) According to this verse what characterizes true circumcision?
- 2) According to Deuteronomy 30 and Romans 2 what was circumcision always intended to display?
- 3) How can you display confidence in Christ and not the flesh?

### **Part 3—Self Confidence**

Read Philippians 3:4-6; Luke 18:9-14

- 1) Why did Paul list his religious/fleshly claims?
- 2) Why did Jesus speak the parable in Luke 18?
- 3) Why is self confidence dangerous for the true Christian?

### **Part 4—A Net Loss**

Read Philippians 3:7; Matthew 16:26

- 1) Why did Paul count all his fleshly claims as loss?
- 2) According to Matthew 16 how should eternity affect our evaluations of gain and loss?
- 3) In what ways might American Christianity be banking a “net loss” rather than “gains”?

Don't forget the Big Idea!