

Sermon series: Fight for Joy!

Text: Philippians 3:3-21

Big Idea: The battle against sloth is won with a passion to know and become like Jesus.

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## Joy vs Sloth

### What does the Sloth say?

- “I’ll settle for today’s \_\_\_\_\_ over tomorrow’s \_\_\_\_\_.”

### Paul’s Past: Misplaced Passion

- \_\_\_\_\_ is NOT a virtue.
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### Paul’s Present: Redirected Passion

- The Sloth will not \_\_\_\_\_ much because he does not \_\_\_\_\_ much.

### Paul’s Future: Yearning Passion

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ is knowing & becoming like Jesus.

### Paul’s Invitation: Passionate Plea

- Discipleship is an invitation for \_\_\_\_\_.

### Follow-Up Questions:

- According to Proverbs, how is an ant different from a sloth?



- Which is more tempting for you—lazy comfort, lazy busyness, or lazy zombie?
- Read 2 Tim. 2:1-7—How is the Christian Life like that of a soldier, athlete, & farmer?
- What are other good or not so good pursuits that can become misplaced passions and interfere with God's calling for your life by keeping you busy?
- What activities help to grow your passion to know & become like Jesus?
- Whose example have you followed to grow in holiness? What did they do?
- What steps do you need to take to be an example to others?
- Is America's concept of retirement slothful? Why or why not?