

Worth Everything

Christ the Greatest Gain

Philippians 3:8

Count Christ as your greatest gain, everything else as loss

1. The Reason

2. Some Recommendations

6 Ways We Can Count Christ As Our Greatest Gain This Summer:

1. Read/Study:

- *Make it your aim to read God's Word every day (yes, even on vacation!).*
- *Read a section from "A Gospel Primer for Christians" by Milton Vincent in your devotions each morning.*
- *Create a reading plan for the summer and read books that will help you know Christ better. (See resources page)*
- *Start a book club with your friends and go through a book together.*
- *Take the Sunday School Class in July on "Work" to understand how to view work as a Christian.*

2. Pray/Fast:

- *Join the Saturday Morning Prayer Team.*
- *Create a list of non-Christian friends you have regular contact with and pray for at least one person each day; ask for opportunity to share the gospel.*
- *Pray through the church directory this summer to pray for people in the church.*
- *Create a prayer list and pray for people in your care group using Paul's prayers in his letters (See "A Call to Spiritual Reformation" by D.A. Carson)*
- *Organize/host a prayer night with your friends.*
- *Try fasting from something that you tend to spend a lot of time on for a day (or more!) and use that time for a spiritual activity.*

3. Evangelize:

- *Find a gospel partner and brainstorm ideas about how you can reach out to your non-Christian friends together.*
- *Organize a game night with your friends and invite your non-Christian friends.*
- *Organize a volleyball night at the church building and invite your non-Christian friends.*
- *Take a co-worker out to lunch 3 times this summer to build friendship.*
- *Have a care group cookout at your house and invite your non-Christian friends.*
- *Plan summer trips to places like Six Flags, Kings Dominion, with your friends and invite your non-Christian friends.*
- *Talk to Merritt Anderson and ask him for more ideas.*

4. Worship:

- *Organize a worship night with your friends to worship Christ together.*
- *Prepare your hearts on Saturday night for the Lord's Day (Read ch.6 of "Stop Dating the Church" by Joshua Harris) and go to bed early.*
- *Go to WorshipGod Conference in August. (For more information: <http://worshipgodconference.com>)*

5. Fellowship:

- *Be purposeful to pursue fellowship when you hang out with your friends.*
- *Invite someone in your care group that you haven't really gotten to know out for coffee and ask him/her what God is doing in his/her life.*
- *Ask an older/more mature believer in the church to meet with you 3 times this summer and ask him/her about how to think about career, marriage, family, etc.*

6. Serve:

- *Ask mom or dad how you can serve around the house this summer.*
- *Ask young married couples in this church if you can babysit for them.*
- *Talk to Dave Hinders or Lou Gallo how you can serve those who are in need in the church.*
- *Ladies, seek to serve the guys by dressing modestly during the summer (Read ch.5 of "Worldliness" by C.J. Mahaney).*
- *Guys, seek to serve the ladies (and your future wife!) by diligently guarding your eyes this summer (Read chs. 1&2 of "Sex and the Supremacy of Christ" by John Piper).*

Recommended Resources

A Call to Spiritual Reformation – D.A. Carson

Contagious Holiness – Craig L. Blomberg

Doing Things Right in Matters of the Heart – John Ensor

Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God – J.I. Packer

A Faith Worth Sharing – C. John Miller

A Gospel Primer for Christians – Milton Vincent

The Gospel and Personal Evangelism – Mark Dever

The Gospel for Real Life – Jerry Bridges

Questioning Evangelism – Randy Newman

Salvation to the Ends of the Earth – Andreas J. Köstenberger/Peter T. O'Brien

Sex and the Supremacy of Christ – John Piper/Justin Taylor

Stop Dating the Church – Joshua Harris

True Worship – Vaughan Roberts

The Valley of Vision – Arthur Bennett

When I Don't Desire God – John Piper

Worship Matters – Bob Kauflin