

Part 1 – Not Yet Attained

Read Philippians 3:8-13; 2 Corinthians 7:1

- 1) What do you think Paul had not attained yet?
- 2) According to 2 Corinthians 7 why can neither Paul nor we claim to be perfect?
- 3) How do you think Christians should respond/ react to the reality of our current imperfection?

Part 2—Constant Pursuit

Read Philippians 3:12-13; 1 Peter 3:11-13

- 1) What do you think Paul was following after and reaching for?
- 2) According to 1 Peter how can we expect God to react to our pursuits and followings?
- 3) What are some indicators of our pursuits?

Part 3—Forgetting What is Behind

Read Philippians 3:13; Hebrews 12:1-2

- 1) What do you think Paul means by “forgetting those things which are behind”?
- 2) What does the writer of Hebrews indicate we must “lay aside” and how does that parallel Paul’s instructions to forget?
- 3) How and why do you think Christians struggle to forget what they should?

Part 4—Pressing Toward the Mark

Read Philippians 3:13-14; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- 1) What does Paul indicate is the prize for which the Christian presses?
- 2) According to 1 Corinthians 9 how does the prize/crown affect the way we run the race?
- 3) How is your life today affected by the prize to which you have been called by God?

