

Community Groups

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Use this guide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.

Marks of Maturity (Philippians 3:12-16)

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1. To what extent do goals motivate you to complete a project or task? How are goals important or unimportant in the Christian life?
2. Read Philippians 3:12-16 aloud and share your observations together.
 - a. What goal has Paul yet to obtain (vv. 12, 13, 14)?
 - b. What motivates Paul to press on toward this goal (v. 12)?
 - c. Where does and doesn't Paul set his focus as he presses on toward this goal (vv. 13, 14)?
 - d. According to verse 15, what is a sign of maturity?
 - e. Who reveals truth (v. 15)? What responsibility do people have to the truth they've received (v. 16)?
 - f. How would you summarize Philippians 3:12-16 in your own words?
3. Does Jesus' work result in an instantaneous and/or ongoing transformation in Christians' lives? Explain.
 - a. What do you learn from how Paul speaks about this reality in the following verses: Rom. 7:15-17; Gal. 5:17; Phil. 1:6?
 - b. How can emphasizing one aspect of this transformation over the other affect your life?
 - c. What does a passionate pursuit of Christ look like (see Acts 9:4-5; Gal. 1:13; Phil. 3:6; 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22)?
4. Discuss how God is using His Word to transform your life right now.
 - a. In what areas of your life is it easy to find strength in remembering that Christ has taken hold of you? In what areas is it difficult?
 - b. Relying on the fact that Christ has taken hold of you, are there areas of your life where you need to pursue transformation more passionately? What is preventing you?
 - c. How does this passage make you thankful for God's grace through Christ?
 - d. In light of what we've discussed, how would you like our group to pray for you?