Discussion Guide

A New Year is often a time of both reflection and anticipation. What has God been teaching you about yourself over the past 12 months and how is He leading you to grow closer to him as you look toward the next?

Take a few minutes to read Philippians chapter 3:12-4:1. What stands out to you? What is the overarching message being conveyed?

What do you think it means "to be made perfect"? And from a salvation perspective how can we be both perfected in Christ and yet still in the process of being perfected?

Why is it sometimes difficult to forget what has happened in our past and how can that hinder our ability to move forward?

If "pressing on" is an act of the will, how will you determine to move forward in your relationship to Christ? Be specific in your answer.

Take a few minutes and discuss the different roles of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer and the church. How will you allow the Spirit to teach, guide, protect, intercede, and empower your life in the coming year?

Will you resolve to press on in the New Year, to daily strive to become more like Christ and to hold on to the One He sent to teach, guide, protect, and empower?