

Session Seven: "Healthy Dis-satisfaction." Philippians 3:12-16 Discussion Questions

1. In Philippians 3:13, Paul refers to "forgetting what lies behind".

a. What things in your own life have been good and valuable experiences, that you find yourself looking to for identity?

b. Discuss what it looks like for the Christian to find his or her identity in Christ.

2. One practical way to maintain a healthy dissatisfaction in your current walk of faith is to find a good example or mentor. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 11:1, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ."

a. Where are you weak in your walk of faith, and who around you is strong in this same area?

b. What are some first steps to using this person as a good example?

3.Paul found his motivation to "press on" in personal holiness, in the "prize of the upward call" or as he put it in 1 Corinthians 9:25, "the prize of the imperishable wreath".

a. Do you find that looking forward to dwelling with Christ in glory motivation for action in this present life?

b. What should be our response to this perfect motivation?

Memory Verse:

" I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

(NASB, Philippians 3:14)