

## **Group Questions – Hindsight 2020**

***Share a time you celebrated something BEFORE it happened.***

***What caused you to celebrate BEFORE it happened?***

***Are you glad 2020 is over? Why or why not?***

***As you look forward to the year 2021, what is your reaction?***

***Why do you think you are reacting that way to this next year?***

Pastor Nate shared the video of Dave Wottle coming from WAY BEHIND to win the 800 meter race at the 1972 Olympics.

***In what ways have you felt WAY BEHIND in your life?***

***In what ways do you currently feel WAY BEHIND?***

***How can a NEGATIVE attitude about the FUTURE, affect us in the PRESENT?***

***How can a POSITIVE attitude about the FUTURE, affect us in the PRESENT?***

***Will a POSITIVE attitude about the future always equate to a POSITIVE FUTURE?***

***Will a POSITIVE attitude about the future always equate to a POSITIVE PRESENT?***

***When Dave Wottle was WAY BEHIND, what do you think his attitude was?***

***When Dave Wottle was WAY BEHIND, he had 2 options... GIVE UP or PRESS ON***

**Read: Philippians 3:12-14**

The Apostle Paul wrote those words while sitting in prison. 5 years later, Paul would be executed for his faith in Jesus.

***In what ways do we allow our current circumstances to dictate our outlook on life?***

***Do you think things will get better or worse for you in 2021?***

If your current circumstances cause you to feel WAY BEHIND, you have 2 choices... GIVE UP or PRESS ON

***What causes us to GIVE UP?***

***What causes us to PRESS ON?***

When Paul wrote Philippians, his future was IMPRISONMENT and EXECUTION.

***Do you think it was wise for him to PRESS ON or do you think he should have just GIVEN UP? Why?***

***If you knew 2021 is going to be WORSE for you, than 2020, do you think it would be better for you to GIVE UP or PRESS ON? Why?***

***How can we CELEBRATE our FUTURE even if we know it holds more DIFFICULTY?***

**Read:** Hebrews 12:1-2

***What did Jesus model for us regarding a positive attitude about the future?***

Earlier in Philippians 3, Paul reveals how he is able to PRESS ON

**Read:** Philippians 3:8

***What caused Paul to have a POSITIVE outlook on his future?***

**Read:** Romans 8:35-39

***In these verses, what is the “secret” to a positive outlook on the future?***

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Pray over our future and ask the Lord to help us connect our outlook to things SPIRITUAL and ETERNAL, rather than PHYSICAL and TEMPORARY.