

Reflecting on Moving Forward – Part Four

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Introduction: This week, we focus on mobilizing for ministry and consider the idea of preparing our minds for action from 1 Peter 1:13. Here are five keys to mobilizing for ministry that we find in this passage, among others:

- Pray for the spread of the gospel until it becomes a deep passion (Eph 6:19; Col 4:3; 2 Thes 3:1)
- Get serious about repenting of patterns of sin in your life (Heb. 13:1)
- Make your relationship to God and your commitment to the church immovable entities in your life. (Heb. 10:19-25)
- View every relationship in your life through the lens of evangelism and discipleship. (John 15:16)
- Choose the direction of your life as a subset of the great commission. (Phil 1:20)

Take some time to reflect on what you heard today:

1. What do you think of when you hear the word *mobilize*? Is it a positive image or a negative image? Explain your answer.

2. If you had to create a breakdown of the content of your prayers, what would it look like? How does prayer for the spread of the gospel factor into that breakdown?

3. What makes besetting sins so difficult to gain victory over? What advice would you give a Christian who is struggling with a besetting sin?

4. When your relationship with God slips down in your priority list, what elevates into the place above it? Or to ask the question a different way, what takes the place of your relationship of God when you stop seeking him with all your heart?

5. If you were talking to a Christian who comes to church twice a year (Christmas and Easter, of course!), how would you convince him or her that coming to church is important? (Optional Exercise: If your table is feeling brave, select someone to role play this person and the rest of you try to convince them that going to church is important.)

6. How should the Great Commission influence a person's decisions about his or her future? Discuss how evangelism and discipleship affect major life decisions (e.g., college, marriage, buying a house, choosing a job, choosing a church, having children, etc.). Feel free to add your own items to the list.