



Banners- The Principle of Finish

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It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that we will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

All of us are running a race, and all of us will finish it. How do you want to be remembered? Name the five words you'd want on your epitaph (something written or said in memory of you) once you finish God's race. Does how you're living now match up with how you want that epitaph to read?

1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 3:12-14; Hebrews 12:1-2

The Bible tells us to live for today because tomorrow doesn't exist. Discuss how "the finish" is not an idea in a distant future. How does it change your attitude if we live like the finish is today...and every day?

Proverbs 27:1; Matthew 6:33-34; Ephesians 5:15-17; James 4:13-17

The apostle Paul was disciplined, trusting and obeying God's Word to fight the good fight. What "fights" lie ahead of you this week? How does God want you to approach them?

Romans 5:18-19; 1 Timothy 6:11-12; 1 John 4:4; 2 John 1:6

Paul was also directional (always facing toward God) and doctrinal, trusting God's Word as the only thing that matters. Discuss why being faithful is all about the finish. When you adopt this view, how does it change the race – and how does the race change you?

Colossians 3:23-24; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Hebrews 6:10-12

What's Next

- Run God's race for you, putting Him first and living by faith.
- Live with the finish in mind through obedience to Him and His Word.