

Small Group Questions | January 1, 2023

Philippians 3:12–14 | “Pressing On”

1. Why is it significant that the apostle Paul would admit he’s not perfect? (v. 12) How does the Bible make it clear that all people are guilty of sin, and why is that important to understand?
2. How is our imperfection sometimes used as an excuse for complacency in our walk with Christ? How do we avoid that error?
3. Why does the Bible often use athletic imagery to describe the Christian life? (1 Cor. 9:24–27; 1 Tim. 4:7–8; Heb. 12:1)
4. In verse 13, Paul says he is “forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead.” What does it mean to “forget what lies behind?” How do we sometimes allow the past to hinder our pursuit of Christ?
5. In verse 14, what is the “prize” that Paul is pressing on to obtain? Has it ever felt wrong for your faith to be motivated by a reward? Why or why not? How does the Bible speak about rewards? (Matt 5:12; Heb. 11:6)

(Bonus) Spend some time sharing reflections on the previous year, and praying together for the new one!