

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“First Things First” – Pastor Chad Gilligan 1.7.24

1) What is one thing you want to see happen in your lifetime?

Read Philippians 3:13-14 – “Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

2) How can focusing on our past help us? How can it hurt us?

3) Have you ever struggled to move forward in your life? What helped you push on?

Read Psalms 90:12 – “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

4) What are some ways you measure personal, spiritual, financial, or relational success in your life?

Read Philippians 3:12 – “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”

5) Sometimes, the temptation to settle is great. Share a story of when you did settle or struggled with wanting to settle.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 – “So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

6) How can we shape our day to day lives to focus on the long run?

Read Philippians 3:8 – “What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.”

7) How do you want to know Christ better in 2024? Share with your group.

Prayer: Take a moment to pray for the growth of each person in 2024.