

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

Icebreaker: In life are you more apt to be the trailblazer or a settler? Explain.

Have everyone spend time reading **Philippians 3:12-21** quietly to themselves. After a few minutes, either have one person read the passage for the group or have each person take turns reading a portion until the entire passage has been read.

Sermon Observation Questions:

1. Was there anything from this past week's sermon that stood out to you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that confused you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that invoked an emotion? If so, what was it?
2. Observations about this passage: Who was the audience or the characters? What does this passage tell us about sinful man? What do we learn about God or Jesus from reading this passage, and how does that impact the way we love people and love God?
3. What questions arise from reading this passage? Is there anything from this passage that sticks out to you personally? If so, what?

Life Application Questions:

1. In verse twelve, Paul makes it clear that he hasn't "arrived"--coming to a place of perfection. Why is it important for us to have this mindset? What could happen if we have an attitude contrary to what Paul expressed?
2. What does it mean to forget what is behind and strain towards what's ahead? How does one accomplish this, knowing it's hard to leave stuff in the past? Why is this so important?
3. Paul called his Christian brothers and sisters to follow his example. Could you confidently ask others to do the same of you? Why or why not? Who do you look to as an example of Christian living? Who are you trying to be an example to?
4. **Next Steps:** What is the biggest take away for you today, and how do you see yourself applying it this week and beyond?

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