Small Groups

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About Session 7:

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In One of the greatest dangers in the Christian life is becoming satisfied with where we are spiritually. We can look back on years of Christian service, celebrate past accomplishments, or become discouraged by past failures. Yet Paul reminds us that the Christian life is a continual pursuit of becoming more like Jesus Christ. In *Philippians 3:12–4:1*, Paul openly acknowledges that he has not yet reached spiritual perfection. Despite his maturity and years of faithful service, he continues pressing toward the goal of Christlikeness.

Memory verse:
"Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."
(Philippians 3:20)

Paul's pursuit is not an attempt to earn salvation but a response to Christ, who has already taken hold of him. He understands that spiritual growth requires humility, discipline, and a willingness to keep moving forward. He also warns against living for earthly pleasures and priorities while reminding believers that their true citizenship is in heaven. Our ultimate hope rests in Jesus Christ, who will one day transform our bodies to be like His glorious body.

This passage challenges us to examine our own spiritual journey. Are we growing in our relationship with Christ, or have we become comfortable where we are? True spiritual joy is found in continually pursuing Christ, pressing through adversity, rejecting pride, and keeping our eyes on the eternal glory that awaits us.



Before You Watch:

+ Think about this question throughout the lesson: What does it mean to know Christ?

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1. Pursue Christ by rejecting the "I have arrived" mentality v:12a

2. Pursue Christ by responding with a wholehearted effort v:12b

3. Pursue Christ by removing distractions v:13

4. Pursue Christ with the right motivation v:14

5. Pursue Christ with right thinking v:15-16

6. Pursue Christ by following the right examples v:17

7. Pursue Christ by avoiding the wrong examples v:18-19

8. Pursue Christ by focusing on holy expectations v:20-21

9. Pursue Christ by standing firm in Christ v:4:1

Discussion Questions:

1. **What can potentially distract us from our goal of knowing Christ?**

2. **Read Philippians 3:20, discuss that statement and the impact this verse should have on our perspective?**

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