



Eyes on the Prize

Philippians 3:12-16

Big Idea: With my eyes on the prize and my past in its place, I can press on in present difficulty to my sure destination.

Outline:

1. Keeping my Eyes on the Prize

- a. The Prize is Glorious Gain
- b. The Prize is Still Future
- c. The Prize is Guaranteed

2. Keeping My Past in its Place

- a. My Past is a Story of God's Grace
- b. My Past is a Temptation to Turn Away from
- c. My Past has Guilt that Has been Forgiven
- d. My Past can Breed Complacency in My Progress

Discussion Questions:

1. "I press on to make *it* my own" (Phil. 3:12). What might be the "it" that Paul is referring to in this sentence?
2. What makes "gaining Christ" so valuable, precious, and priceless?
3. What salvation blessings have Christians *already* obtained? And what salvation blessings have we *not yet* obtained?
4. How often do you think about the future blessings of salvation (eternal life, a perfect resurrected body, knowing Christ face-to-face)? What benefit is there in meditating on these blessings?
5. What should be a Christian's perspective on their past life before knowing Christ?
6. What are the consequences of returning to the temptations of our former life before knowing Jesus?
7. Do you ever struggle being reminded of the guilt of past sins? How should a Christian deal with these feelings of guilt?