



Eyes on Me

Philippians 3:17-21

Big Idea: With my eyes on the prize and my past in its place, I can press on in present difficulty with godly influencers walking ahead and tearful warnings along the way.

Outline:

1. 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
2. Keeping My Eyes on Godly Influencers
 - a. Godly Influencers are Not Arrogant but Humbly Walking Ahead
 - b. Godly Influencers are Others Among Us
 - c. Ungodly Influencers are Tearful Warnings Along the Way

Discussion Questions:

1. The “prize” of knowing Jesus is an undercurrent that runs through all of Philippians 3. How would you describe the value of this prize?
2. What should be a Christian’s perspective on their past life before knowing Christ?
3. What are the consequences of returning to the temptations of our former life before knowing Jesus?
4. Do you ever struggle being reminded of the guilt of past sins? How should a Christian deal with these feelings of guilt?
5. Who is a godly example who has helped you in your Christian journey? Specifically, how did their influence help you toward Christ?
6. Though none of us are perfect (Phil. 3:12), is there someone to whom you might be able to influence on the Christian journey? How can we be a Paul-like godly example for others?
7. Can true Christians abandon following Jesus? What should we make out of those who once claimed to follow Jesus but now “walk as enemies of the cross of Christ”?