



March 5 - 6 Sermon | Philippians 3:12-4:1

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

In this week's DG, we again learned some facts about the Christian life.

1. Read Php. 3:12-4:1
 - a. According to this passage, what is Paul's one goal in life?
 - b. According to this passage, what is the Christian hope?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

2. Read Psa. 78:4-6
 - a. What sort of things should we teach our children, or the people we interact with most often?
 - b. What tools does God give us to help us teach others about Him?
3. Read Php. 4:8-9
 - a. What are the two key actions in this short passage?

- b. In this passage, what sort of things does Paul want Christian to do?
- c. How does Paul teach these values to the church?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

The lesson in Php. 3:12-4:1 is that we must press on in the Christian life, because the road to rejoicing in Christ *is* by knowing Christ.

- 4. We all need positive examples to follow as we seek to know Christ, and Paul pointed to his own life (v.17) as one such example of someone to imitate.
 - a. Who is someone from the pages of history that you look up to? What do you like about them?
 - b. Who is a (living) person that you look up to? How do you want to be like them?
 - c. What character trait, skill, or experience of the person(s) above do you most want to imitate?
- 5. We all need to endure in the Christian life and press on “towards the prize” (v.14).
 - a. What are some habits or practices that help you press on in the Christian life?
 - b. Who are some people in your life that you could help to grow in the Christian life?

PRAYER Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?