

Sermon-Based Community Group Study Questions

Date: January 1, 2012

Text: Philippians 3:7-14

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Title: Moving Forward

Read Philippians 3:7-14 aloud together

1. If you've established any spiritual goals you'd like to reach in 2012, share with the group what they are and why you decided to establish them. If you haven't set any spiritual goals, what might be preventing you from doing so?
2. Have you ever felt like you needed to earn God's approval or that He would be displeased with you if you are not actively serving in the church or doing good things to help others? If so, why? How do those feelings reconcile with the Gospel message?
3. Why is it important to regularly commit to the study of scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other believers? What are the top responsibilities and activities in your life that compete with the time you'd like to invest in your spiritual growth? How might you reconcile the competition between those needs?
4. In v 10 Paul talks about "knowing the power of his resurrection," "participation in his sufferings," and "becoming like him in his death." What does he mean by each of these actions? What might each look like practically in your life?
5. What are some of the things you need to deal with in order to move forward in 2012 and not live in the past? If there is any unconfessed sin or unforgiveness that you've been carrying, what might your first step be in dealing with it?
6. What are some practical ways you can "strain toward" and "press on toward" Christ Jesus?

