

PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

Community Group Questions Sep 27, 2020 **Pressing On! Philippians 3:12-16**

Kicking Things Off

How did last week go for you?

Getting Into It

To stay in context, reread Phil. 3:1-11 again.

Where is the only place that we can find righteousness? (see v. 9)

When Paul came to understand the gospel, he basically had to repent of all of his “acts of righteousness” (v. 4-6). What did he need to repent of trusting in? (both the “good” and the bad). Why?

Think about it, what “acts of righteousness” do you need to repent of?

Read Phil. 3:12-16.

Getting into the concept of “pressing on” or pursuing Christ, why is it so important to keep at the forefront of our discussion that our righteousness is found alone in the finished work of Christ, not our works?

Since Paul has already stated that he has been found by Christ and is secure in Christ, why does he find the need to earnestly keep pressing forward? What is the goal he’s aiming for?

What does he mean when he says, “I have not already obtained it...I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet”?

What do you learn from Paul’s examples of this pressing on from 1Cor. 9:24-27 and 2Tim. 2:1-6? (read them out loud as a group)

Paul tells us to follow his example. What are we to rest in? In what are we to press on?

What is it that drives or motivate Paul to press on? (Ps. 34:8)

How can our past distract us or be a hindrance to our future? (see v.13)

The Parting Shot

When you consider your life as a follower of Jesus right now, where are in the race that Paul describes? If you are lagging, what needs to change?

