



Week of March 26, 2023

Message Series: Philippians

Passages: Phil. 3:12-17

Questions:

- 1) In verse 12, Paul changes his terminology from accounting to running a race. Why?
- 2) In verses 12-14, three times, Paul uses language that encourages us to “lean in” as we near the goal line. Discuss why it is essential in the Christian life to run “all out” until the end.
- 3) In verses 12 and 15, Paul uses the word translated by some translations as “perfect” (ESV uses “mature” in verse 15). What is the difference between these words? Why are both important in Christian growth?
- 4) In verse 17, Paul encourages the church in Philippi to follow his example. How do we find godly examples to follow; what characterizes a godly example? Why should we do so?
- 5) Application: What is at the goal line for the believer? Within the group, why do you long for the goal line? Privately, contemplate ways to run with great resolve in obedience.