Pressing On

Scripture: Philippians 3:12-14

Sunday, December 27, 2015

Overview

Your faith won't grow without intentionality and intensity.

Corraborating Texts

1 John 4:19; 2 Timothy 2:3-6; 1 Timothy 6:12; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; James 1:4

Discussion Questions

- 1. Verse 12 begins: "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect..." What has Paul not obtained? [Look back at verses 4-11] What sort of "righteousness" did Paul previously depend on? How does this differ from the righteousness given to us today?
- 2. In what ways does community and service help us intentionally grow deeper?
- 3. How does intentional faith display itself? [careful balance of faith and works] Explain.
- 4. What does it mean to forget what lies behind? [conscious refusal to let our past absorb our attention and amped our progress] Why should our past perceived successes and failures be forgotten and left behind? What are you still holding onto?
- 5. What lies ahead? [eternal life]
- 6. What does it look like to press on towards the goal? [sacrifice and suffering; see 2 Timothy 2:3-6]
- 7. What is the "upward call?"

