GROW GROUPS
sermon guide

MAIN IDEA: PRESS TOWARDS THE PRIZE

KEY SCRIPTURES: PHILIPPIANS 3:12-21

- Each week begin with **FOCUS** - an intentional time to slow down, quiet the noise, and become attentive to God. Feel free to use this ***SONG LINK*** during this time.

Reflect: Be formed by God's Word.

1. What stood out to you during **FOCUS**, Sunday's sermon, or in God's Word this week?
2. Paul acknowledges that he hasn't arrived spiritually but continues pressing forward because Jesus has made him His own. How does knowing that Jesus has already claimed you change the way you deal with your past, failures, and present struggles?
3. The sermon described five characteristics of mature Christians: pressing forward, pursuing unity, following godly examples, setting their minds on heavenly things, and remaining stable under pressure. Which of these five areas is God challenging you to grow in right now, and why?
4. Our citizenship is in heaven, and our struggles in this world are temporary. How might keeping an eternal perspective change the way you respond to the pressures, disappointments, and uncertainties you are facing today?
5. If you were looking back on your life from the perspective of eternity, what might you wish you had given more attention to today? Is there anything you need to change or prioritize differently right now?

Respond: Put faith into practice.

- Jesus has made you His own, so your past does not have to define your future. What is one regret, failure, or burden you need to stop allowing to hold you back? What would it look like to surrender it to Jesus this week?
- What is one earthly distraction, fear, or pressure that has been taking too much of your attention? What specific change can you make this week to keep your focus on Jesus and the hope of heaven?
- What is one intentional step you can take this week to deepen your relationship with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, obedience, or making time with Him a priority?

- ***PRAYER:*** *Father, thank You for making us Your own through Jesus. Help us let go of the past, keep our eyes on You, and press on toward the prize. Give us the faith to put Your Word into action and live each day with heaven in mind. In Jesus' name*