



Smoky Hill Vineyard

02.28.10 GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

PHILIPPIANS 3: 12-21

GROUP BUILDER

What do you think is more challenging for an Olympic athlete: the training and preparation or the competition itself? How does that apply to us taking hold of God's purpose?

REFLECTION

What challenged you most about pressing in and attaining God's purpose in this weekend's message?

DEEPER (Large Group Discussion)

In verse 13, Paul uses the word "consider." The dictionary defines this as "to think carefully about; to regard as; to take into account." Is Paul telling us he still has a long way to go to get to spiritual maturity? Where are you in that consideration?

What goal and prize is Paul after in verse 14? How does he plan to attain it?

The word "mature" in verse 15 is the same word that is translated as "perfect" in verse 12. What do these words bring to your mind in relation to God's purpose for you?

What does it mean to be a citizen of heaven and an heir of God's kingdom? Do you have assurance of your citizenship?

APPLICATION (In Groups of 3-4)

How has Christ Jesus taken hold of you?

If you compare your life in Christ right now to a race, where are you on the track?

What do you need to forget from the past?

What specific ways can you "press on" toward the goal?

Pray for one another to attain all that God has purposed for you.



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