

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Be Focused

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:12-4:1

I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Philippians 3:12-4:1. According to this passage, what does a mature Christian perspective on life look like?

What was Paul striving to obtain? What was the prize he was eagerly pursuing?

If eternal life is a free gift from God, in what sense can we say that we are striving to obtain it?

See verse 13. What should we do with our past sins, failures, and mistakes?

See verses 18-19. Who are the “enemies of the cross of Christ”? How can we identify them? Why did Paul feel that it was necessary to warn the Philippians about them?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How often do you tend to think about eternity and the hope of resurrection life? What tends to distract you from remaining focused on the life to come?

Do you actively search out those in your church who are good and godly examples? Why or why not?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

How would adopting Paul’s mature, godly perspective change your own outlook on life? How would it change the way you live on a day-to-day basis to remain laser-focused on eternity?

How can we be more active and intentional about learning from and imitating those who are good examples? How can we remain on the lookout for those who walk as “enemies of the cross of Christ”?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

How might you focus on the hope of resurrection life this week? What difference might it make in how you conduct yourself?