STUDY GUIDE: "Press On" Philippians 3:12-21

Discussion Starters

- 1. Have you ever quit anything and ended up regretting it?
- 2. Are you a part of any clubs, groups, communities? List some of your favorite ones here.

Study

3. In preparation for this study read: Hebrews 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:35-36, Matthew 24:12-14, Colossians 2:20-23, 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 1 Corinthians 15:51-54,

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Concordance. Strong's Concordance is a good tool and Blueletterbible.org is a good tool to use for online study. I have also included Strong's Reference numbers to assist you. The letter before the reference pertains to the original language (H-Hebrew, G-Greek).

If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

- 4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.
 - --"press on" (Philippians 3:14 Strong's Reference # G1377)
 - --"perfect" (Philippians 3:15 Strong's Reference # G5046)
 - --"following my example" (Philippians 3:17- Strong's Reference # G4831)
 - --"they are enemies" (Philippians 3:18- Strong's Reference # G2190)
 - --"citizenship" (Philippians 3:20 Strong's Reference # G4175)

Read Philippians 3:12-21

5. What has Paul not "obtained" in verse 12? Look back to the earlier part of chapter 3.
6. What has happened in verses 18-19 that caused Paul sorrow? What is the catalyst of this? (The answer is in the beginning of chapter 3.)
7. Look up "citizenship" in a Bible dictionary. Why would Paul use citizenship as an illustrative point to the Philippian people?
Taking It Home
8. What steps will you take to make sure you endure in your faith?
9. Do you know anyone who has walked away from the faith? Pray for them now.