

Philippians 3:12-4:1 Study Questions

Read Philippians 3:12-16

If you could win any award on earth what would you most want it be?

How do we cope with past failures in our attempts to live for Christ?

What picture do you get of Paul “taking hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me?”

Have you competed in some sport and had an athletic experience of “pressing toward the goal” that Paul uses as his background for vs. 13,14?

What is “the one thing” that you can do to help you become more serious about living for Jesus Christ?

What does it mean to “live up to what we have already attained?” (v. 16)

Read Philippians 3:17-4:1

Why would Paul ask them to pattern their lives after himself?

How do you feel about asking others to follow your example? Why or why not?

Have you encountered people you considered as “enemies of the cross?”

In what ways do you see non-Christians as those whose...

- ... destiny is destruction?
- ... god is their stomach?
- ... glory is their shame?
- ... mind is upon earthly things?

What does it mean to you to have citizenship in heaven?

How do you eagerly await a Savior from heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ?

What do you picture in Paul’s description of “transforming our lowly bodies” to be like “His glorious body?”

In what ways could others be the “joy and crown” of Paul?

How do the things just covered help you to “stand firm in the Lord?”

(Questions are based on the New International Version of the Bible. Other translations may add insight into the answers to the questions.)