

*Philippians 3:7-16*

1. Valuable

Know what you value and you will value what you know.

2. Attainable

The participation in his sufferings leads to the purpose of being seasoned.

*Philippians 3:12*

3. Intentional

When you find your significance in Christ, you'll find significance to your life.

*Philippians 2:13 (NL T)*

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Review:

Pressing on towards the goal means being intentional to attain what is valuable in Christ.

### Open Up:

What is the greatest prize you have sacrificed to obtain?

### Discuss:

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ Read Philipians 3:7-16. What are some "gains" mature followers of Jesus may count as loss in today's world?
- ▶ What are some key characteristics of a mature Christ-follower?
- ▶ Pastor Matt said, "If you want to move from reading scripture to studying the scripture, the quantity of how much you read does not always equal the quality of understanding it or growing in it." What are some tips for quality study of God's Word?
- ▶ According to Dallas Willard, "Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning." How does one walk out the value of effort without feeling like they are earning grace?
- ▶ What are some of the aspects of God that we can only learn through suffering/seasoning?
- ▶ What picture comes to your mind when you think of being gripped by God's love?

### Engage:

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

Pastor Matt talked about knowing a God who we cannot see, how his love is limitless, his justice is deep, his thoughts are not our thoughts and more.

What is one aspect of God that he wants you to experience more fully?

What can you do this week to press on toward that goal God has for you?

### Pray:

*Pray for a clear revelation of the value of the prize and the courage to press on.*