

Questions for Further Study

New Year, Same Call

3rd January 2021

Philippians 3:13-14



1. Reflect on 2020. Do you feel like it was a write-off, or did you grow and learn in your walk with Christ? Lots of bad things happened in the year, but very often we grow more in adversity. Can you give any examples of lessons you have learnt this year?
2. (v13a) We still have work to do before any of us achieve perfection! Our aim is to be like Jesus both inwardly and outwardly. What areas of your life do you think God might be working on with you at the moment?
3. (v13b) Paul isn't asking us to completely forget everything about our past: God has done some great things that we should remember. However, we are not to dwell on it so much that it hinders our present effort and future progress. What do you need to do in order to put the past behind? Do you have someone you need to forgive? Is there bitterness in your heart that you need to let go of? Is there sin in your life that you need to confess? Deal with those issues today. Get in touch with your homegroup leader, or the pastoral team at the church if you would like to talk things through and pray.
4. (v14a) What prize do you think Paul is referring to? What prize do you hope to strain towards? Perhaps you might like to read through the following scriptures and set your mind on the one thing that you would love above all others. **Luke 19:17, 2 Tim 4:8, 1 Peter 5:4, Rev 22:4, 1 Thess 4:17, John3:16, 1 Cor 2:9.**
5. (v14b) Our security is in Christ. He has our future in his hand. Can you trust God with this next year? Spend some time thanking God for his faithfulness in the past and place yourself in his safe hands once more.