

How to Run the Race Well – Philippians 3:10-16

You must have the right starting place.

You must press on through the journey of this life.

You must keep your eyes on the goal.

Application/Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you as especially interesting, challenging, or confusing in 3:10-16?
2. Do you have a right standing with God through faith in Christ? Why is it absolutely necessary that this be the starting point of our Christian lives?
3. How have you experienced the power of the resurrection in your own life as a Christian?
4. How have you shared in Christ's sufferings as a Christian?
5. Why would suffering as a Christian be an expected part of the path to the resurrection?
6. What things about heaven (the resurrection from the dead) do you look forward to?
7. Does the prospect of being made perfect (without sin) in heaven appeal to you? Why?
8. How does the hope of this future perfection in heaven lead you to live differently now?
9. What does it look like in your life for you to press on and make every effort to move toward this future perfection in your life now?
10. Our passage mentions forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead... how do you need to practice this in your own life?

(Please read Philippians 3:17-21 this week in preparation for next Sunday's message.)