DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of January 16, 2022

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to "break the ice" and get people talking)

- What was the worst style choice you ever made?
- In Philippians 3:13, Paul said, "this one thing I do." What is "one thing you do" that most people would see as weird?
- Read Philippians 3:12-13. Some people argue that if you are assured eternal life there is no more motivation to persevere in a life of serving Christ. Yet here Paul indicates that his motivation to persevere is just because "I am apprehended of Christ." How does this work? Why might the assurance that Paul belongs to Christ motivate him to "strain forward" toward heaven?
- Read Philippians 3:13. Why might Paul consider it a mark of maturity to recognize your own imperfection?
- Read Philippians 3:14. Why do Christians not have the same approach to their relationship with God as athletes do to their sport?
- Read Philippians 3:13-14. Paul exhorts his friends to continue to press into Jesus. Some scholars think that the church in Philippi might have become lax in their walk with Jesus. How do you maintain spiritual vigor? Have you become lax?
- What are some things you need to press through? Are there times and/or situations when it is more difficult for you to keep pressing on? Why?
- Paul longs for the believers to hold a mature view on spiritual growth. Read Philippians 3:15-16. How do you intentionally grow in your faith while not being legalistic? (Colossians 2:20-23)
- Take some time to pray together.