



INTRODUCTION

The Christian life is one of relentless pursuit of Christ.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Philippians 3:12-16**.
- What is the apostle Paul striving to obtain? What does this tell us we should be doing as Christians?
- What doctrines are worth fighting for? When is it good for us to charitably disagree with other Christians and trust that God will reveal truth to the other person (v. 15)?
- How does the instruction to "hold true to what we have attained" (v. 16) keep us focused on Christ?

APPLICATION

- When do you most often grow weary of pursuing Christ?
- Answer the following diagnostic questions from Eric Liddell's book on Christian disciplines:
 - Am I unrestrained in my pleasures, the kind I enjoy w/o considering the effect they have on my soul?
 - Am I unrestrained in my work, refusing to take reasonable rest and exercise?
 - Am I unrestrained in small self-indulgences, letting myself become the slave of habits, however harmless they may appear to me?
 - What am I living for-self, money, place, power? Or, are my powers at the disposal of human need, dedicated to the kingdom of God on earth?
- Think about the times you were relentlessly pursuing Christ. What were you doing then to pursue him? Do you need to pick back up any of those habits or disciplines?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- Is there any sin you should confess in light of this passage?
- Are there any other prayer needs?