

SCRIPTURE:

- Philippians 3:12 - 16

CONVERSATIONS

- What is something that you became 'excellent' at – whether big or small? How did you become so good at it? Why did you choose to become good at that particular thing?
- In your mind, how would you define what it looks like to be spiritually healthy and vibrant?
- Read Philippians 3:12.
 - Spiritual maturity is the result of the accumulation of a lot of little (sometimes seemingly mundane) practices over time. What kinds of practices would those be?
 - What does Paul mean when he says, "I press on to make it my own because Christ Jesus has made me his own"? How does that apply to us?
- Read Philippians 3:13 - 14.
 - What are some things that Christians need to jettison from their life in order to continue to grow spiritually?
 - Dallas Willard said: "Grace is not opposed to effort, but to earning." What does that mean? Is it wrong to 'work' at knowing Jesus more deeply? If we are to 'work' at knowing Jesus more deeply, what does that look like?
- Read Philippians 3:15 - 16
 - Why does Paul say that those who think this way are "mature"?
 - If we are struggling or stalled in our spiritual growth, what does it mean to "hold true to what we have attained"? (v. 16)

PRAYER

- Children's Ministry Director: Please pray that God would send us the right person to be our new Children's Ministry Director. Please pray that He would send us that person before fall.
- Summer Camp: Please pray for summer camps, including Camp Qwanoes and Timberline Ranck, as they start up again this summer. Pray for their staff and for the many kids who will get an opportunity to hear the gospel, some for the very first time.
- Community: Please pray that people would continue to get connected into community, especially as we have new people who have begun to show up at our in-person Sunday services.
- City: Continue to pray that God would open doors for effective ministry in our city that we would be able share the hope that we have in Jesus so that many more people in our city would know Jesus.