



# REIMAGINE

## WEEK 6 - PRESSING ON OVERVIEW

Paul knew a thing or two about endurance. In his ministry he faced prison, shipwrecks, whips, bandits, snakebites, and, perhaps most painful of all, rejection from those he cared about. Out of this hardship Paul developed a commitment to “press on” until the very end. Writing to his dear friends in Philippi while in chains, Paul wants to make sure they share this mindset as they serve Jesus. “Pattern your lives after mine” (3:17).

There is much joy and excitement for Grace Church in the days ahead, as we see God’s hand at work in our midst. But there will also be challenges and obstacles in our way. Because of this, let us take Paul’s words to heart and renew our dedication to “press on to reach the end of the race” so we can see our community healed in Jesus’ name.

*I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.*

***Philippians 3:13-14***

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did the Covid-19 Pandemic cause you to consider what is important to you? If so, how? Was there ever something in your life that you thought was so important, but then later realized that it didn’t matter?
2. Read [Philippians 3:7-9](#).
  - a. What things did Paul once think were valuable, but now considers *skybalon* (dung, refuse, rubbish)? (go back to read [Philippians 3:1-6](#))
  - b. Why did Paul decide these things were *skybalon*?
  - c. What did Paul mean by *knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*? ([verse 8](#))
3. Read [Philippians 3:12-17, 20](#).
  - a. How did Paul want the Philippians (and us) to pattern their lives after his?
  - b. What is the prize at the end of the race?
  - c. What was Paul’s joy and crown ([Philippians 4:1](#))?
  - d. Barry said the word translated as *press on* is *diōkō* (to pursue, follow eagerly, endeavor earnestly to acquire). What does it look like to *press on* in your life?
4. What would it mean to you for Grace Church to *press on* as a church community?
5. If Paul would write a letter to our church today, what do you think it would say? (Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Hoosiers....)