

# Punctuated *Life*

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### **Philippians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us hold true to what we have attained. <sup>17</sup> Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

### ***How to Live in Light of Eternity***

#### **1. Nurture a robust biblical vision of the future.**

*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 3:14

## 2. Commit yourself now to a lifetime of discipleship.

*Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Philippians 3:12*

### What is discipleship?

*“Discipleship brings Christ-followers together in community with one another, and with God who is Father, Son, and Spirit. Discipleship is sustained by a robust vision of God as revealed in Scripture, the intention to learn and follow Jesus into a life of loving God and others, made possible by a Jesus way of life.”*

*Forgetting what lies behind...*

*Straining forward to what lies ahead...*

*Press on toward the goal...*

*Keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example...*

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### Digging Deeper into a Life of Discipleship

This week's passages:

Monday – Philippians 2:12-18

Tuesday – Philippians 3:1-11

Wednesday – Philippians 3:12-17

Thursday – Philippians 4

Friday – 2 Timothy 4:4-9

Weekend – Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God's word says about a lifetime of discipleship. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word (“*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*” James 1:22).