

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from October 5-6, 2002

"Pursuing the Prize"

Observing the text

What does Paul mean when he speaks of forgetting what lies behind? What do you think those things might be?

What does it mean to forget? Does this mean that you won't be able to remember?

How do we reconcile Paul saying that he was not perfect in Philippians 3:12 with him including himself among the "perfect" in Philippians 3:15?

What is the standard that Paul says that he and the Philippians had already attained in Philippians 3:16?

Applying the sermon

What guilt from past sins may distract you from Christian service and the focused pursuit of the resurrection from the dead?

How has your past spiritual service and spiritual accomplishments distracted you from your present spiritual service and the focused pursuit of the resurrection from the dead?

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In what ways do you share a similar attitude to Paul in respect to your present dissatisfaction and your pursuit of a focused direction?

Would you say that you are seeking to march in line with the precepts and principles of God's Word as you have come to understand them? In what areas of obedience are you presently exercising personal discipline?