

PRESSING ON

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting.

Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. Do you feel that you are pressing on and growing in your daily walk with the Lord? In what ways can you grow more? (Read again verses 12-14).
2. Are you "delighting in knowing God" through the reading of the Bible? How can you make sure you are not only reading the Bible, but also studying it?

3. Do you need to repent of something or forgive someone in order to leave the past behind and live out what verse 13 teaches: "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead"? (See also 1 John 1:9).

4. Do others see spiritual maturity in your lifestyle and in the choices you make? What recent lessons has God taught you that you now need to put into practice? (Read again verses 15-16; see also James 1:22.).

III. Making it Personal

5. A growing and mature Christian is also obedient in sharing the Gospel. Who are some people in your life who need salvation? Write down their names and commit to praying for opportunities to invite them to church and to share the Gospel with them.
6. What impacted you most from this week's study?

IV. Prayer