

Pressing on Toward the Goal - Philippians 3:12-4:1

Topics: Believers, Citizenship, Enemies, Example, Goals, God, Heaven, Jesus Christ, Maturity, Power, Shame

Open It

- * 1. How physically fit are you?
- 2. If you lived in ancient times and participated in sports, would you prefer chariot racing or spear throwing? Why?
- 3. How much time do you spend watching or participating in sports?

Explore It

- 4. What was Paul's testimony? (3:12-14)
- * 5. In what ways did Paul's spiritual life resemble the discipline of a runner? (3:12-14)
- 6. What was Paul's view of the past? (3:13)
- * 7. What was Paul's goal? (3:14)
- 8. How did Paul call the Philippians to share his view? (3:15)
- 9. What did Paul hope for the believers who disagreed with him? (3:15)
- 10. What was Paul's plea to the Philippians? (3:16)
- * 11. How did Paul want believers to imitate him? (3:17)
- 12. How did Paul describe God's enemies? (3:18-19)
- 13. Where did the Philippian Christians have their citizenship? (3:20)
- 14. Whom did the Philippian believers eagerly await? (3:20)
- 15. What characterizes citizens of heaven? (3:21)

Get It

- * 16. What kind of race are you running for Christ?
- 17. What prize do you seek?
- * 18. What kind of opposition do you face in your struggle to live as a Christian?
- 19. How can you imitate Paul's life and example?
- 20. How can Christ help you stay on track and reach the goal?

Apply It

- * 21. What spiritual workout or training this week will help you run your Christian marathon?
- 22. In what way can you renew your commitment to press on toward the goal of being like Christ?