

Olympic Spirit.



Do you believe?

LifeConnect Group Discussion Questions for “Olympic Determination” Philippians 3.12-4.1 February 28, 2010

To Start...

- In your dreams of an ideal life, are you more like a pioneer (always pushing on) or a settler (settling down)?
- What is your memory like? Do you remember most everything that happens to you, or do you remember the distant past better than the recent past?
- Do you have any perfectionist tendencies? How do they manifest themselves?

Going Deeper...

- In Philippians 3.12-4.1, Paul uses the image of a track race. How, for you, is the Christian life like a race?
- In verse 12, Paul says he has not yet “been made perfect”. (This could otherwise be translated ‘matured’.) How does this verse help you see yourself and your walk with God as a work in progress?
- Where does Paul picture himself in his spiritual life? What ‘prize’ is he after?

- In the message, Jeff said that the term ‘press on’ in verse 12 is the same word in the original language of the New Testament (Greek) as the term ‘persecuting’ back in verse 6. Why do you suppose Paul would use the same verb to describe two very different actions?
- Based on this passage, what do you think may be going on in the Philippian church community?
- What should characterize the ‘citizens of heaven’?
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Next Steps...

- If you had to compare your life in Christ right now to a track race, where would you be:
 - Sitting on the sidelines?
 - Warming up?
 - At the starting blocks?
 - Giving it your all?
- What are you passionate about? Are you more likely to strive for excellence in your secular life or your spiritual life?
- How would you finish the sentence in verse 13: “But one thing I do...”