

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do: forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way. If in anything you think otherwise, God will also reveal that to you.

-Philippians 3:13-15 (WEB)

Admit – I don't have it all together.

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"

-1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

-1 Peter 5:6-8 (NLT)

Don't let your failure keep you from your future.

But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

-Jeremiah 18:4 (NIV)

Press on – push.

"That which we persist in doing becomes easy to do; not that the nature of the thing has changed, but that our power to do has increased." – **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God.

-Hebrews 6:1(NLT)

You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

-Hebrews 5:12-14 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some questions or curiosities you have from today's message? (Leader Note: This is a great place to understand where your group is in their spiritual walk and understanding. Encourage members to ask whatever questions they may have - often, people are hesitant to ask questions when they feel they might be too "basic" or about something they should already know)
2. What is one point from the message that stuck out to you? Why? (Leader Note: As members share their points, allow people to engage with one another about these points. Are two or more people bringing up the same point? Use that time to talk more about it, see how it moves you and your members - the Holy Spirit may be leading your House Party in a specific direction)
3. What is a truth about God, the world, or yourself that you have learned today?
4. What is one way you can apply this message to your life this week? (Leader Note: Great applications are S.M.A.R.T: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound).