



PRINCE OF PEACE

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Engage Bible Study Guide

Session 20 | Philippians 3:12-4:1 | February 8, 2021

>> OPEN

- Imagine yourself outside on a sunny, beautiful, warm afternoon. Just for fun, you're running. Why is it important to keep your eyes open and looking forward? In your imagination what happens when you try to look behind you?
- In your dream of the ideal lifestyle, are you more like the *Pioneers* Lewis and Clark, always "proceeding on" or the *settlers* who were always trying to settle down?

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- Using the imagery of a track race, where does Paul picture himself in his spiritual life? At the start line, somewhere around lap 57, or near the finish line?
- What prize is Paul after?
- Why do you think that was so important for him?

>> APPLY

- Bring to mind one of your spiritual mentors? What is it about that person's faith life that inspires you to grow in your faith?
- What is the danger of trying to build your faith life around a set of rules and regulations when it comes to developing your faith life?
- Comparing your spiritual life to a race, are you sitting out due to a lack of practice, an injury, or no warm up? What hurdles seem especially high to jump?
- What gets in your way of feeling a deep sense of satisfaction in your race toward the goal of knowing Christ deeply and being known by him?