

STUDY ON JOURNEY TOGETHER THROUGH 2025

Journey Together 2025 Weekly Sermon Series

Warming Up...

1. Share what were some highs and lows of your Christmas and New Year break.
OR share what christmas gift you received that really surprised you

2. What goals / single word have you set for your 2025 new year? Why? (Leader take note)
3. READ Philippians 3:13-14 together as a group

Direct Route

1. How would you summarise what you have just read, as though explaining to a small child?
2. What does it mean to forget the things of the past? Is this hard or easy for you? Why?
3. What is the point of straining forward to what lies ahead? What purpose can that be for us?
4. What prevents us from pressing on towards the goal? What is the goal Paul mentions in this passage? Do you think they differ from person to person?
5. What are some things you need to let go of in order to move forward and to press on with?

Spend some time praying over each other and your 2025 year ahead. Really seek the Lord together and pray into anything the Spirit prompts you with.

Scenic Route

1. What does Paul mean in v13, that he does not consider to have made it on his own? (Feel free to refer to the context in from Phil 3:12-16 for more meat!)
2. What does it mean "forgetting what lies behind"? Share examples of this in action.
3. What does it mean to strain forward? Share some examples of this in action.
4. What is the prize/goal Paul mentions in v14?
5. Why is it an upward call?
6. In the past, what has prevented you, personally, from striving forward to reach the prize and goal? What are some things you know you need to let go of, in order to help you strive forward/press on?
7. Invite LG members to write down on small slips of paper : How do you want to see other members of the LifeGroup grow this year?
(after a quiet moment, share with the group what you have written. Record these slips of paper, or pin them somewhere so you can refer to them in future months to come).
8. Pray over these items written, and spending time being specific in prayer for other individuals in your LifeGroup.

Aims & Objectives of today's session:

- Reconnect with LG members after the break
- Share about letting go and being intentional with the way to press on and move forward together.
- Journeying together as a group and church.

Materials leader to prep for scenic route:

- small slips of paper and pens for group members to write for Q7.

Extra Notes for the leader:

Pastor Bert's sermon talks about how important it is to journey together and to press on together. It's about letting go to say let's go, it's about pressing ON to press on towards the goal / prize which IS Christ. An interesting thing to note is how Paul did not make it on his own, he needed Christ to help him to press on, to progress forward. The passage contains a race metaphor, of pressing forward towards the finish line which is the heavenly goal.

Our BCEC annual theme of "Journey Together" is a sense that we are all on this race/path together, so let us share in our LG what that will look like, for the year ahead to come.

Homework / Challenge for this week

Continue to meditate on Phil 3:13-14 this week ahead, really chewing on the words.

Ending with prayer

Lord, would you be our vision and our goal for 2025, that we may collectively and individually press on towards you, forgetting what lies behind and strive forward for your glory and for your kingdom. May we know how to move forward in growth, in love and in wisdom. Amen.