

**Embracing Your Purpose**  
**Text: Philippians 3:12-14**  
**May 3, 2023**

**Big Idea: You were created by Jesus, and your purpose is to press on to know Him.**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) Does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?*

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

**Question #4 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is the application?*

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

**Question #5**

- a) What are some things you pursue that are hindering your pursuit of Jesus?
- b) What happens when you make pursuing those things your greatest prize?
- c) Why is pressing on to know Jesus the greatest purpose we could ever have?
- d) Pursuing the image of Jesus only comes through salvation in Jesus. Have you repented of your sin and confessed Him as your Lord and Saviour? If not, what is stopping you?

**Prayer Application**

- a) ADORATION: Jesus, You are the greatest prize, because You are\_\_\_\_\_
- b) CONFESSION: Jesus, I repent of pursuing \_\_\_\_\_ over pursuing You as my greatest prize.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, I thank you that when I am saved in You, I am\_\_\_\_\_
- d) SUPPLICATION: Jesus, I ask: i) You would be my greatest prize ii) I would be more like You in\_\_\_\_\_

*Memory Verse:*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”-Acts 1:8*

