

4 Christ Centered Conversations with your Children

Question #1

Sunday School

Preschool

Psalm 118:1, 29—Why do we give thanks to the Lord?

Kg-1st

Ephesians 3:20-21a (B— Bountiful)

God is more than enough. Write a definition or draw a picture of bountiful or abundance.

2nd-3rd

Discuss with your parents the places you saw in the Missions presentation today and how they relate to the life of Christ.

4th-5th

1 John 4:4b (The Overcomer)

Where does victory come from? Who is the strongest of all? Why?

Middle School

From Romans 12:1-2, are you filling your mind with the world or the Word?

High School

Reread the story of Paul and Silas in Acts 16:20-36. Why do you think it is important to treat others with grace?

Question #2

Worship/Sermon

What are some things you need to do or stop doing to run your race with faith well?

Question #3

Personal devotion

Have we been faithful to have our daily devotion this last week?

Question #4

Community

Who can we share the gospel with this week?

SERMON SERIES: GOD'S NOT FINISHED YET

Sermon Message: *God's Not Finished Building Our Hope*

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Today's Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 31:8

Next Week's Text: Philippians 3:17-21

"Because we are already the children of God through faith in Christ, we have the responsibility of 'running the race' and achieving the goals God has set for us."

Warren Wiersbe

AS CHRISTIANS, WE MUST CONTINUALLY _____ FORWARD TO RUN WELL THE RACE GOD HAS FOR US.

REALIZE YOU HAVE NOT _____ YET.

Philippians 3:12a (Pew Bible page 832)

REALIZE GOD HAS THE _____.

Philippians 3:12b (Pew Bible page 832)

REALIZE THAT _____ PERFORMANCE DOES NOT GUARANTEE _____ RESULTS. **Philippians 3:13-14** (Pew Bible page 832)

REALIZE THAT JUST _____ MATURITY TAKES WORK.

Philippians 3:15-16 (Pew Bible page 832)

NOTE: Be sure and check out Pastor Jason's blogspot at pastorjasonpettus.blogspot.com. Check for updates every Monday. You can post comments and ask questions about what you've read, heard, and discussed.

A copy of today's message will be available at the kiosk in the lobby immediately following the service. Suggested donation for CDs is \$2. First time guests get today's CD free by turning in your guest card at the Welcome Center.

This study guide is a resource for your Small Group to use for further study about today's sermon. If you need to find a Small Group, please contact Richard Carwile at rcarwile@lhbg.org or 843-9462. You can view a list of our Small Groups at www.livinghopewired.com.

A C L O S E R L O O K

P h i l i p p i a n s 3 : 1 2 - 1 6

Read Philippians 3:12-16 and discuss the following questions.

- 1) What is the reason that Paul mentions in verse 12 for pressing on in the Christian life?
- 2) When Paul writes that he was "forgetting what lies behind", what do you think he was referring to?
- 3) What is the goal that Paul mentions in verse 14?
- 4) What is Paul's advice to his readers in verses 15 and 16?

L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

God's Goals for Your Life:

- 1) **Get to God:** Name 3 people you will invest prayer and time in and then invite to know Christ and gather with us for worship by the end of May.
- 2) **Grow in Christ:** Define how you will study God's Word and pray daily and also how you will be engaged with and gathering with other believers regularly by the end of May.
- 3) **Give to Others:** Determine how you will give your time and talent in service to the church and your treasure (a percentage of your income) for God's purpose by the end of May.