

SERMON TITLE: **The One Thing**
TEXT: **Philippians 3:12-14**

INTRODUCTION.

In this sermon, we will learn about the importance of making Jesus and His kingdom the primary concern of our lives. As we study what Scripture says, we will be challenged, as Paul was, to “press on toward the goal to win the prize” – and to do so by focusing on that **one thing**.

DISCUSSION.

Compare your life today with how you were 5 or 10 years ago. In what ways is knowing Jesus and following Him becoming your highest priority?

EXAMINATION.

Philippians 3:12-14 —

Using the imagery of running a race, where does Paul picture himself in his spiritual life? What is the prize that he is after (*see Phil. 3:7-11*)? How does he plan to reach the goal?

Now, comparing your life to running a race, where are you? On the sidelines? Warming up? In the starting blocks? Giving it your all? What “prize” or “prizes” are you currently pressing on to win?

Is there anything from your past that you need to “forget” in order to press forward toward the goal that Jesus has for you?

How would you finish the sentence from verse 13: “But one thing I do...”

APPLICATION.

- What one thing will you do this week to begin the habit of focusing on that **one thing** – on knowing Jesus and living in His kingdom? In other words, what will you do this week to give Jesus your undivided attention.
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?